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VRA601AT

Owner's Manual

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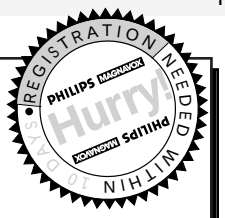

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CAUTION
RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK
DO NOT OPEN
CAUTION: TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT REMOVE COVER (OR BACK). NO USER-SERVICEABLE PARTS INSIDE. REFER SERVICING TO QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONNEL.

This "bolt of lightning" indicates uninsulated material within your unit may cause an electrical shock. For the safety of everyone in your household, please do not remove product covering.

The "exclamation point" calls attention to features for which you should read the enclosed literature closely to prevent operating and maintenance problems.

WARNING: TO PREVENT FIRE OR SHOCK HAZARD, DO NOT EXPOSE THIS EQUIPMENT TO RAIN OR MOISTURE.

CAUTION: To prevent electric shock, match wide blade of plug to wide slot, and fully insert.

ATTENTION: Pour éviter les choc électriques, introduire la lame la plus large de la fiche dans la borne correspondante de la prise et pousser jusqu'au fond.

For Customer Use

Enter below the Serial No. which is located on the rear of the cabinet. Retain this information for future reference.

Model No._____
Serial No. _____

Welcome to your VCR owner's manual.

This manual has seven sections: Setting Up Your VCR; Description of Controls; Basic Operations; Recording; Playing; Stereo Features; and Information You May Need. The instructions explain all of the VCR's features, which are listed below. You cannot hurt your VCR by trying the features! So read on – and relax.

Features

- Automatic Channel Setup
- Automatic Head Cleaner
- Automatic Operation Features
- Automatic Tracking Adjustment
- Blue Background
- Daylight-Savings Time
- Display Panel
- Hi-Fi Stereo Sound System
- High Quality (HQ) System
- MTS (Multi-Channel Television Sound) System
- 19 micron head
- On-Screen Displays in English or Spanish
- One-Touch Recording
- Real-Time Counter
- Repeat Play
- Special Effects Playback: Forward and Reverse Searching; Still; Slow Motion
- Time Search
- Timer Recording

Safety Precautions

Warning: To prevent fire or shock hazard, do not expose this equipment to rain or moisture.
Federal Communications Commission Warning: Any unauthorized changes or modifications to this equipment void the user's authority to operate it.

This VCR is equipped with a High Quality (HQ) system and is compatible with existing Video Home System (VHS) equipment.
Philips Consumer Electronics Company recommends that you use only video cassette tapes which are labeled with the VHS mark.
The use of other tapes may result in poor picture quality and excessive deposits on the video heads, which may not be covered by the warranty if damage occurs.
The 19 micron head provides a better picture when you view tapes recorded in slow speed (SLP).

Note to the Cable TV System Installer: This reminder is provided to call the Cable TV system installer's attention to Article 820-40 of the National Electrical Code, which provides guidelines for proper grounding – in particular, specifying that the cable ground shall be connected to the grounding system of the building, as close to the point of cable entry as possible.

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Helpful Hint

- *Your new product, its packaging, and this manual contain materials that can be recycled and reused. Specialized companies can recycle your product to increase the amount of reusable materials and to minimize the amount that needs to be properly disposed.*
  Your product uses batteries that should not be thrown away when depleted but should be disposed of as small chemical waste.
  Please find out about the local regulations on disposal of your old product, batteries, manual, and packaging whenever you replace existing equipment.

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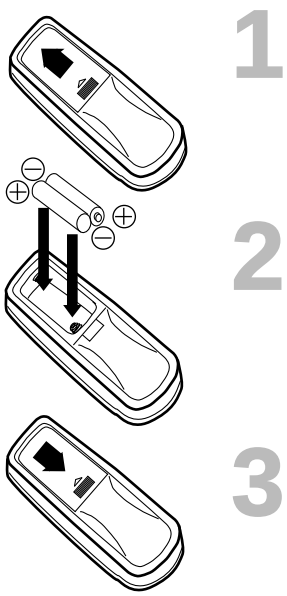
Removing the Plastic Cover from the Front Panel

A thin, plastic cover may protect the front panel of your VCR. Before using the VCR, lift a corner of the plastic, then peel it off.

Putting Batteries in the Remote Control



1

Remove the battery compartment lid on the bottom of the remote control by sliding it in the direction of the arrow.

2

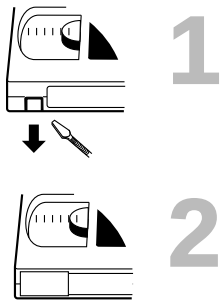
Place two AA batteries inside the battery compartment with their + and – ends aligned as indicated.

3

Replace the battery compartment lid.

Erasure Prevention

Video cassette tapes have record tabs to ensure that recordings are not accidentally erased.



1

To prevent erasure, break off the tab with a screwdriver.

2

To record again, cover the hole with cellophane tape.

VCR maintenance

- Use only tapes with the VHS mark.
- Remove any light adhesive stick-on notes from the video cassette tape before putting the tape in the VCR. Removable labels can jam the VCR.
- Periodic maintenance is required to maintain your VCR's excellent performance. This VCR has an Automatic Head Cleaner. However, the video heads will require replacement eventually. Only an authorized service center should perform this service.

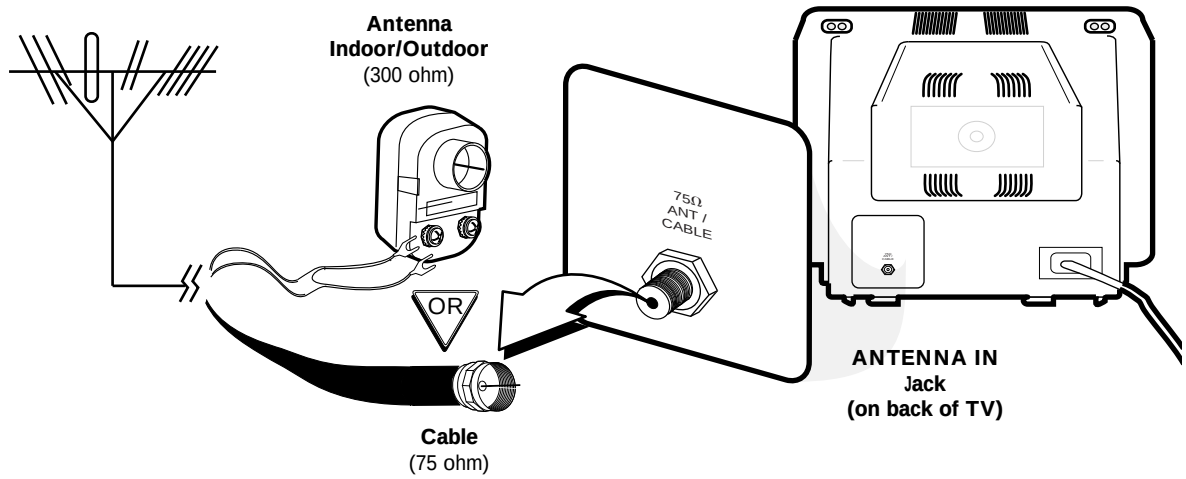
Helpful Hints
• *Do not mix alkaline and manganese batteries.* • *Do not mix old and new batteries.*

6 Hookups Without a Cable Box/Direct Broadcast System

The basic VCR/TV connection – antenna/cable to VCR to TV – is shown below. If you have a Cable Box or a Direct Broadcast System, please see pages eight-nine. If you have a Stereo TV, please see page 10. After you hook up the VCR, go to page 11 to turn on the VCR.

1

Disconnect the antenna or cable from your TV.



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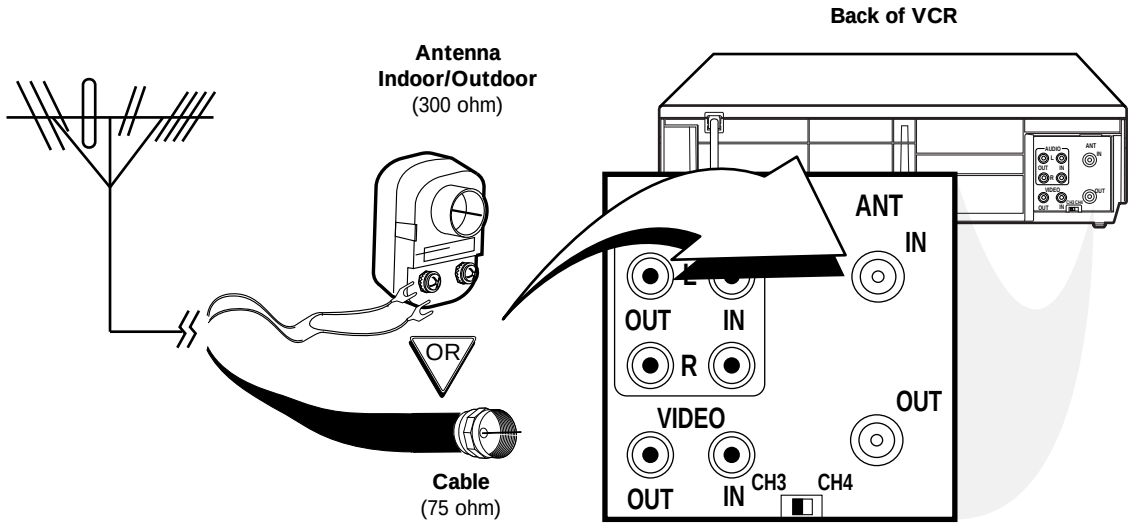
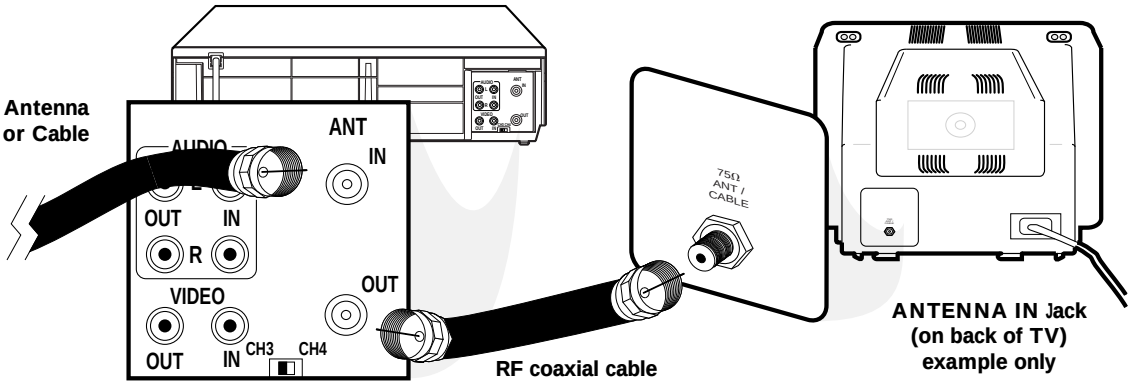
Connect the antenna or cable to the ANT(enna) IN Jack of your VCR.



3

Connect the RF coaxial cable (supplied) to the OUT Jack on the back of the VCR and to the ANTENNA IN Jack on the TV. (You may use either a snap-on type (supplied) or screw-on type of coaxial cable, whichever you prefer.)

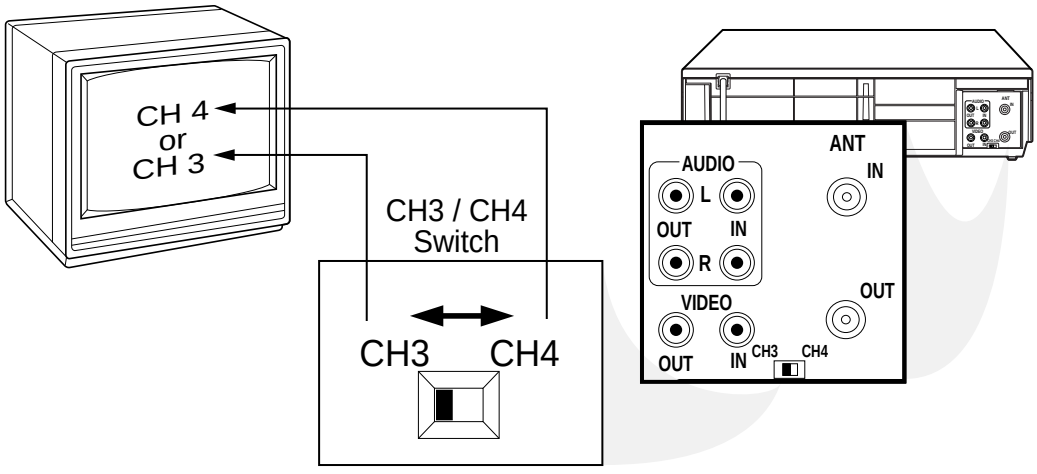


4

Plug in the TV and the VCR.

5

Set the CH3/CH4 switch on the back of the VCR to CH3 or CH4, whichever channel is not used or least used in your area. **Set the TV to the same channel.** For example, when playing a tape, if the CH3/CH4 switch is set to CH3, the TV should be on channel 03.



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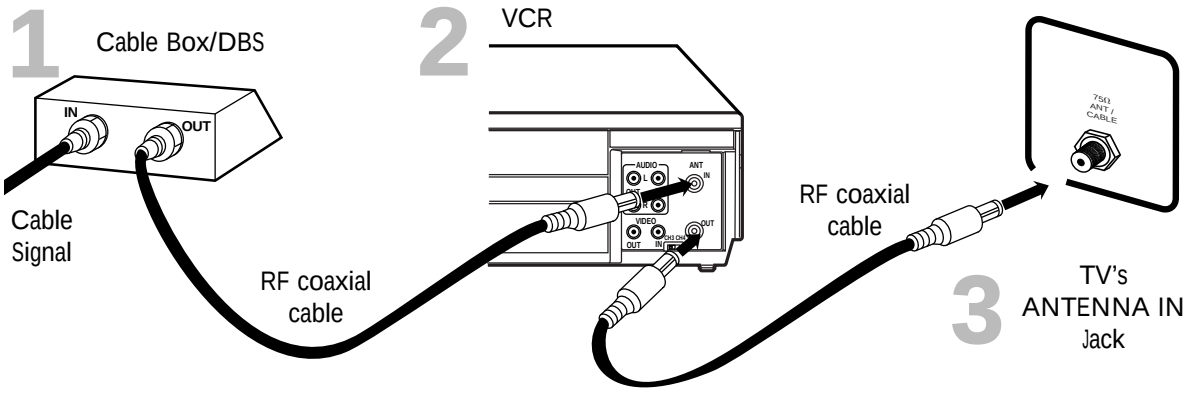
You are ready to turn on the VCR. Please go to page 11 before turning on the VCR.

8 Hookups With a Cable Box/Direct Broadcast System

There are two ways to connect your Cable Box/DBS to the VCR. With this connection:

- You may view any channel.
- You must select channels at the Cable Box/DBS. Channels cannot be changed at the VCR.
- You may not view a channel other than the one you are recording.
- You may not program channels at the VCR.
- You can only program a timer recording for one channel at a time. Set the TV and the VCR to the Cable Box/DBS output channel (channel 03 or 04); set the CH3/CH4 switch to the same channel. Set your Cable Box/DBS to the channel you want to record. When you enter the channel you want to record in a timer recording, select channel 03 or 04 (the Cable Box/DBS output channel). (This is step 5 on page 29.) Leave the Cable Box/DBS on for a timer recording.



Connections

1

Connect a Cable signal to the IN Jack on the Cable Box/DBS.

2

Use an RF coaxial cable (supplied) to connect the OUT Jack on the Cable Box/DBS to the ANT(enna) IN Jack on the VCR.

3

Use a second RF coaxial cable to connect the OUT Jack on the VCR to the TV's ANTENNA IN Jack.

Recording/Viewing Any Channel

1

With the VCR on and in VCR position (the VCR/TV light will appear on the display panel), **use the CHANNEL ▲/▼ buttons to set the VCR to the Cable Box/DBS output channel (channel 03 or 04). Set the CH3/CH4 switch to the same channel.**

2

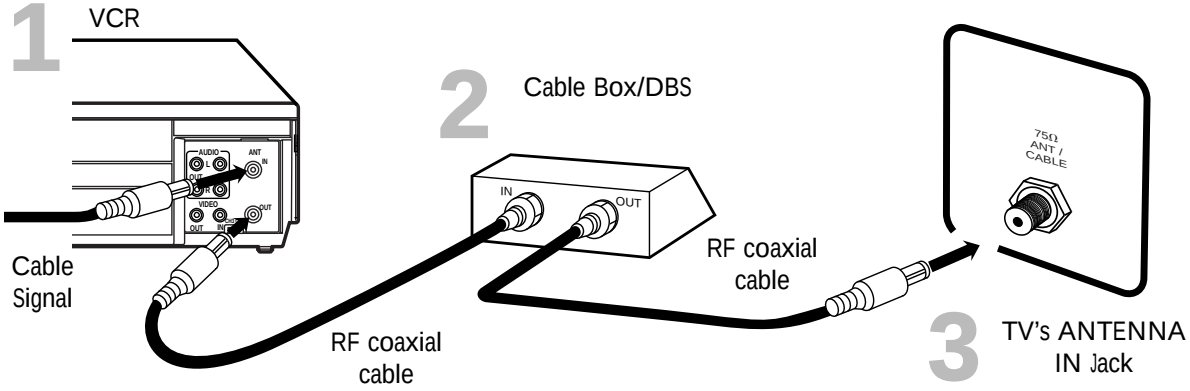
Set the TV to the same channel to which you set the VCR.

3

Select the channel you want to view/record at the Cable Box/DBS.

With this connection:

- You may watch one channel while recording another.
- You may not record scrambled channels.



Connections

1

Connect a Cable signal to the VCR's ANT(enna) IN Jack.

2

Use an RF coaxial cable (supplied) to connect the OUT Jack on the VCR to the IN Jack on the Cable Box/DBS.

3

Use a second RF coaxial cable to connect the OUT Jack on the Cable Box/DBS to the ANTENNA IN Jack on the TV.

Recording One Channel/Watching Another

1

Put the Cable Box/DBS on the same channel as the VCR's CH3/CH4 switch. Set the TV to the Cable Box/DBS output channel (03 or 04).
Then, with the VCR in VCR position (the VCR/TV light will appear on the display panel), **use the CHANNEL ▲/▼ buttons to select the channel you want to record at the VCR. Start the recording.**

2

Press the VCR/TV button once to put the VCR in TV position. (The VCR/TV light will disappear.)

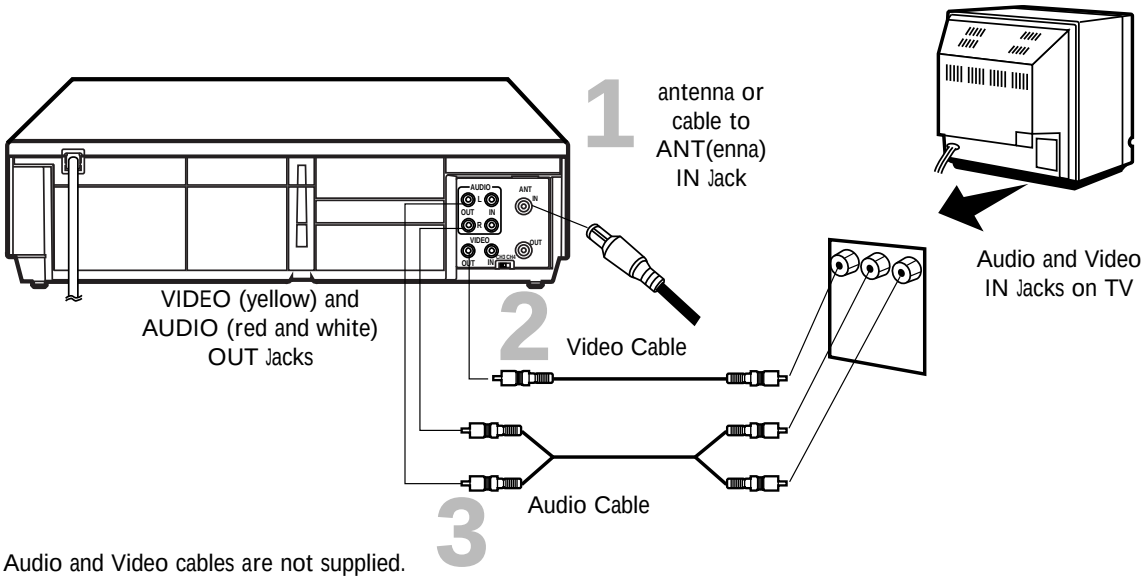
3

Select the channel you want to watch at the Cable Box/DBS.

Helpful Hint

- *When you play a tape, make sure the Cable Box/DBS is set to the same channel as the CH3/CH4 switch on the VCR. Set the TV to the Cable Box/DBS output channel (03 or 04).*

10 Hookups With a Stereo TV



- Audio and Video cables are not supplied.

1

Connect the antenna or cable to the ANT(enna) IN Jack on the back of the VCR.

2

Connect a video cable to the yellow VIDEO OUT Jack on the back of the VCR. Then, connect the other end of the video cable to the VIDEO IN Jack on your TV.

3

Connect audio cables to the red and white AUDIO OUT Jacks on the back of the VCR. Then, connect the other end of the audio cables to the AUDIO IN Jacks on your TV.

4

Turn on your TV, making sure it is in Line Input mode. Please refer to your TV owner's manual for details.

Helpful Hints

- *A stereo audio cable (not supplied) is used here to deliver audio to the TV's left and right channels.*
- *The TV must be in Line Input mode. Please refer to your TV owner's manual.*

Before turning on your VCR, make sure batteries are in the remote control and the VCR and TV are connected correctly.

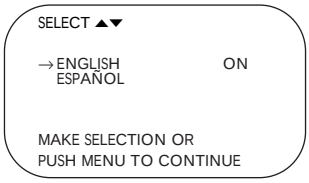
- You can not program channels if you are using a Cable Box or a Direct Broadcast System.

1

Press the POWER button. The VCR/TV light and the POWER light will appear on the display panel.

2

Turn on the TV. Set it to the same channel as the CH3/CH4 switch on the back of the VCR. The display shown below will appear. (If the display does not appear, check your hookups, then follow the steps on page 12 to set up channels and page 17 to select a language.)



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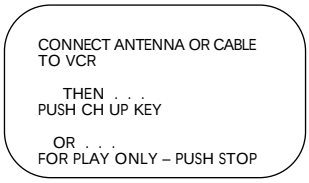
Within 60 seconds, press the PLAY/▲ button or the STOP/▼ button to select English or Spanish on-screen displays and menus.

4

Press the MENU button. The display shown below will appear.



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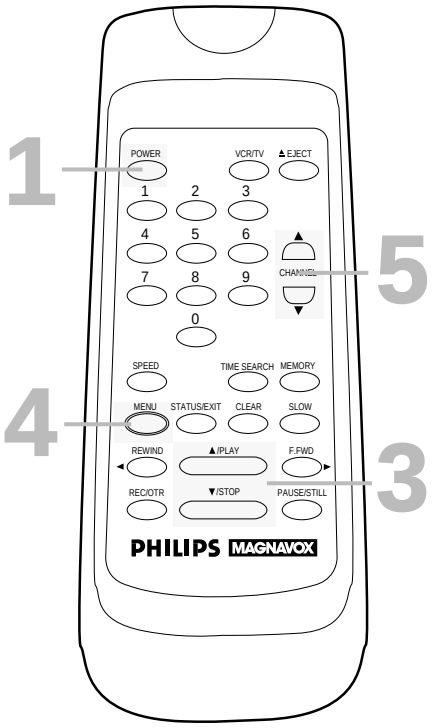
Within 60 seconds, press the CHANNEL ▲ button to begin automatic channel programming. AUTO CH PROGRAMMING IN PROCESS PLEASE WAIT will appear on the screen. The VCR will memorize all available channels. When all channels are programmed, CHANNELS ARE SET will appear on the screen briefly, then TV programming will appear.
Now, when you press the CHANNEL ▲/▼ buttons, you'll only scan through channels that you receive.

2

Turn on the TV.



Helpful Hints

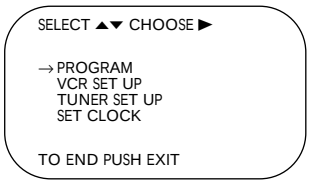
- *To skip this feature and play a tape immediately, insert a tape with its record tab removed. Or, to skip step 3, press the MENU button. All on-screen displays will be in English. To skip step 5, press the STOP/▼ button. Channels will not be programmed, and CHANNELS NOT SET will appear on the screen.*
- *If you try to program channels when there is no antenna or cable connected to the VCR, programming will appear to take place, but eventually a NO TV SIGNALS message will appear. Connect an antenna or cable to the VCR's ANT(enna) IN Jack and press the CHANNEL ▲ button again. You may need to follow the steps on page 12.*

12 Automatic Channel Setup

Although your VCR may automatically memorize the channels you receive when you turn it on for the first time, this function lets you set up the channels again.

1

Press the MENU button.



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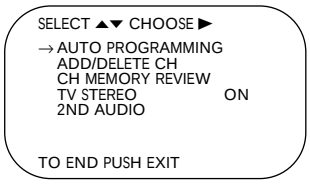
Press the PLAY/▲ button or the STOP/▼ button to select TUNER SET UP, then press the F.FWD/► button.

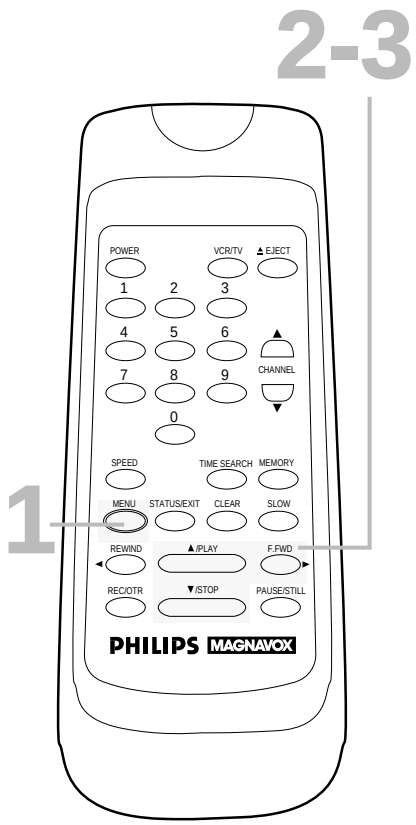


3

Press the PLAY/▲ button or the STOP/▼ button to select AUTO PROGRAMMING, then press the F.FWD/► button. The VCR distinguishes between TV channels and cable channels, and the VCR will place all the channels you receive into its memory.

4

Wait for a few minutes while the VCR sets up the channels. When this is complete, CHANNELS ARE SET will appear on the screen. Then the programming of the lowest channel number placed in the VCR's memory will appear on the screen. Now when you press the CHANNEL ▲/▼ buttons, you will scan only through channels you receive.



Helpful Hints

- *You can not enter the TUNER SET UP menu when you are in Line Input mode (channel 00). When you select channel 00, A/V IN will appear on the screen briefly.*
- *You can not program channels if you are using a Cable Box or DBS.*
- *If you have an antenna, channels 2-69 will be available. If you have a cable connection, channels 1-125 will be available.*

Adding/Deleting Channels

1

Press the MENU button.

2

Press the PLAY/▲ button or the STOP/▼ button to select TUNER SET UP, then press the F.FWD/► button.

3

Press the PLAY/▲ button or the STOP/▼ button to select ADD/DELETE CH, then press the F.FWD/► button.

SELECT ▲▼ ADD/DELETE ►

124		DELETED
125		DELETED
1	→	DELETED
2		ADDED
3		ADDED

TO END PUSH EXIT

NOTE: If you have an antenna, channel numbers 2-69 will appear on the ADD/DELETE CH menu.

4

Press the PLAY/▲ button or the STOP/▼ button until the channel number you want to add or delete appears beside the arrow.

SELECT ▲▼ ADD/DELETE ►

16		DELETED
17		ADDED
18	→	ADDED
19		ADDED
20		ADDED

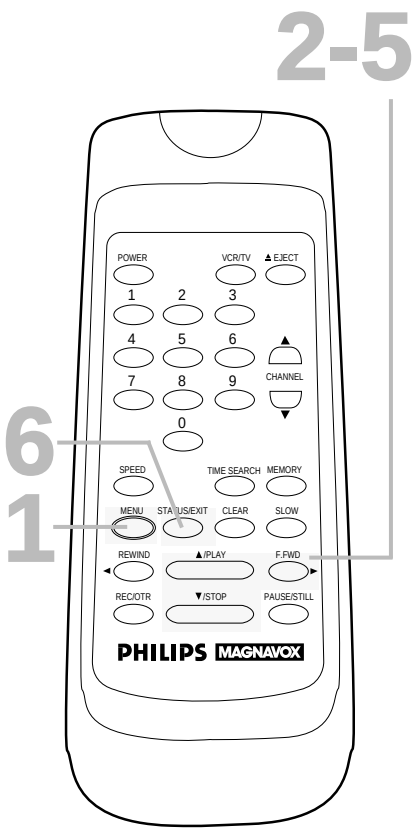
TO END PUSH EXIT

5

Press the F.FWD/► button to select ADDED or DELETED. Repeat steps 4 and 5 until you have added or deleted all the channels you wanted to add or delete.

6

Press the STATUS/EXIT button.



Helpful Hint

- *If you want the TV screen to be solid blue when a weak signal is received, set BLUE BACKGROUND to ON. The screen will be blue and the sound will be muted. Or, if you want to receive the weak signal, set BLUE BACKGROUND to OFF. When you select a channel that is receiving a weak signal, you will see and hear the static in the TV programming.*
  To set BLUE BACKGROUND to ON or OFF, follow these steps.

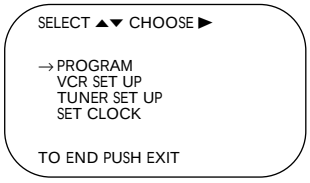
1. *Press the MENU button.*
2. *Press the PLAY/▲ button or the STOP/▼ button to select VCR SET UP, then press the F.FWD/► button.*
3. *Press the PLAY/▲ button or the STOP/▼ button to select BLUE BACKGROUND. Then, press the F.FWD/► button repeatedly so that OFF (or ON) appears beside BLUE BACKGROUND.*
4. *Press the STATUS/EXIT button.*

14 Automatic Channel Setup (cont'd)

Reviewing Memorized Channels

1

Press the MENU button.



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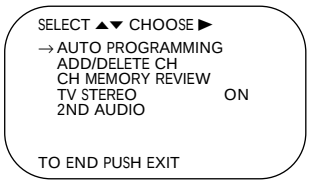


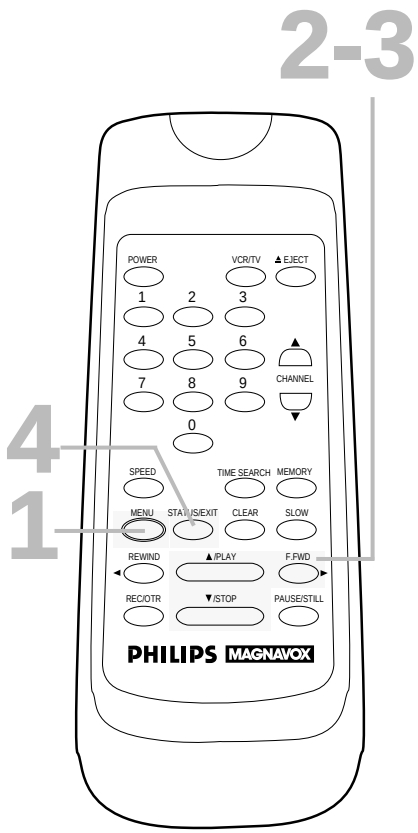
3

Press the PLAY/▲ button or the STOP/▼ button to select CH MEMORY REVIEW, then press the F.FWD/► button. A list of programmed channels will appear on the screen.

- If all the programmed channels don't fit on the screen, press the F.FWD/► button to see the remaining channels. Then press the REW(ind)/◄ button to return to the first screen of channels.
- If you do not press any buttons within 10 seconds, you will either go to the next screen of channels or you will return to the previous menu.

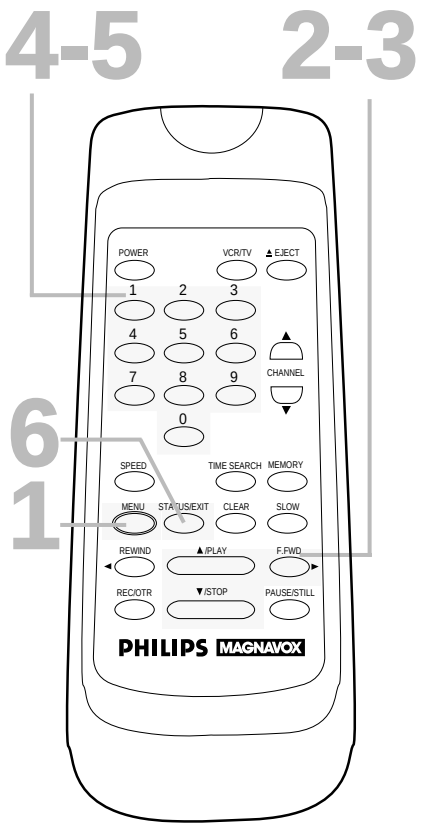
4

Press the STATUS/EXIT button once or twice to exit.



Follow the steps below to set your VCR's clock. Make sure:

- The VCR is on and the VCR/TV light appears on the display panel. (If it does not, press the VCR/TV button once.)
- You make each entry within 60 seconds of the previous entry.



1

Press the MENU button.

2

Press the PLAY/▲ button or the STOP/▼ button to select SET CLOCK, then press the F.FWD/► button.

3

Press the PLAY/▲ button or the STOP/▼ button to select SET CLOCK, then press the F.FWD/► button.

4

Press two Number buttons for the hour(s) and two Number buttons for the minute(s). Then press 1 for AM or 2 for PM. For example, for 2:15 PM, press 02, 15, 2.

5

Press two Number buttons for the month, two Number buttons for the day, and two Number buttons for the year. For example, for July 1, 1999, press 07, 01, 99. The day of the week will appear automatically.

6

Press the STATUS/EXIT button.

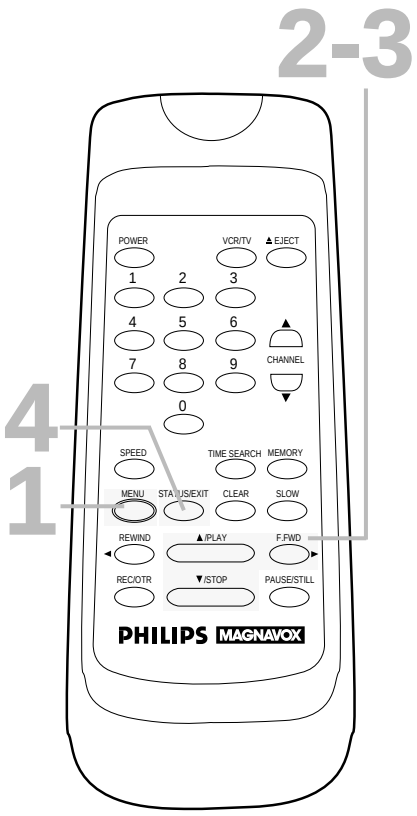
Helpful Hints

- *Enter a 0 before a single-digit number.*
- *Entries that do not match the VCR's calendar will cause a question mark to appear on the screen.*
- *To make corrections, press the CLEAR button until the space for the number you want to correct is flashing. Then enter the correct number.*
- *To see the current time on the TV screen, press the STATUS/EXIT button. Details are on page 20.*
- *Power failures that last for more than one minute can cause you to lose your clock setting.*
- *This VCR is ready for the year 2000 and the years beyond. To set a date in the year 2000, enter 00 for the year in step 5.*

16 Daylight-Savings Time

You may program the VCR so its clock will automatically move forward one hour in April and turn back one hour in October. Daylight-Savings Time is set to ON when you receive your VCR. Turn Daylight-Savings Time ON or OFF by following the steps below. Before you begin:

- Make sure the clock is set.



1

Press the MENU button.

```
SELECT ▲▼ CHOOSE ►

→ PROGRAM
  VCR SET UP
  TUNER SET UP
  SET CLOCK

TO END PUSH EXIT
```

2

Press the PLAY/▲ button or the STOP/▼ button to select SET CLOCK, then press the F.FWD/► button.

```
          SET CLOCK

→ SET CLOCK
  DAYLIGHT SVG TIME [ON]

SELECT ▲▼ CHOOSE ►
TO END PUSH EXIT
```

3

Press the PLAY/▲ button or the STOP/▼ button to select DAYLIGHT SVG TIME. Then, press the F.FWD/► button so that OFF (or ON) appears beside DAYLIGHT SVG TIME.

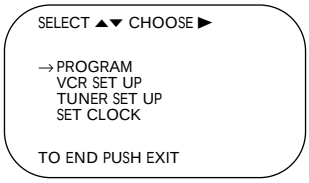
4

Press the STATUS/EXIT button.

Follow the steps below to change the language of the on-screen displays and menus.

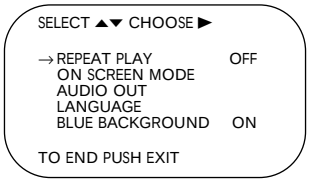
1

Press the MENU button.



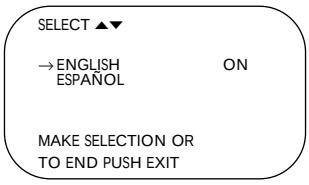
2

Press the PLAY/▲ button or the STOP/▼ button to select VCR SET UP, then press the F.FWD/▶ button.



3

Press the PLAY/▲ button or the STOP/▼ button to select LANGUAGE, then press the F.FWD/▶ button.

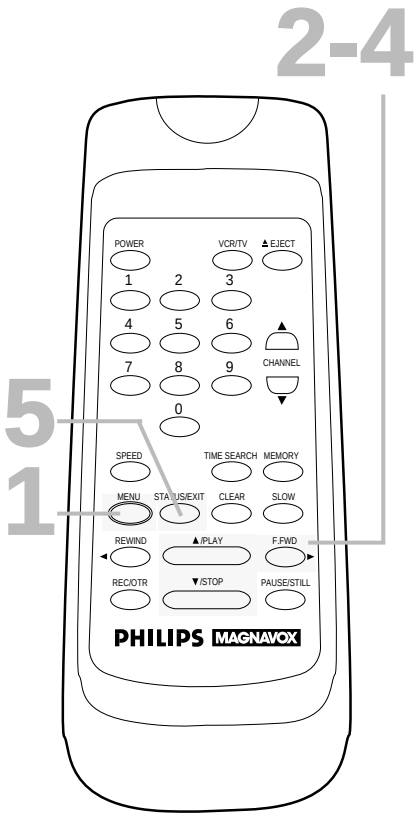


4

Press the PLAY/▲ button or the STOP/▼ button to select English or Spanish on-screen displays.

5

Press the STATUS/EXIT button.



Helpful Hint

- *If you accidentally select Spanish and need English:*

1. *Press the MENU button.*
2. *Press the PLAY/▲ button or the STOP/▼ button to select PREPARE EL VCR, then press the F.FWD/▶ button.*
3. *Press the PLAY/▲ button or the STOP/▼ button to select LENGUAJE, then press the F.FWD/▶ button.*
4. *Press the PLAY/▲ button or the STOP/▼ button to select ENGLISH.*
5. *Press the STATUS/EXIT button.*

18 Remote Control Buttons

POWER Button
Press to turn on or off the VCR.

Number Buttons
Press to select channels at the VCR. Use to set up VCR features (such as the clock).

Cable Users
Enter channel numbers as a two-digit number for the quickest results. For example, to select channel 6, press 0,6. If you only press the Number 6 button, channel 6 will be selected after a brief delay. (There also may be a brief delay when you select channels 10, 11, and 12.) If you want to select channels 100 and above, enter channel numbers as a three-digit number. For example, to select channel 117, press 1, 1, 7.

Antenna Users
Enter channel numbers as a two-digit number for the quickest results. For example, to select channel 5, press 0,5. If you only press the Number 5 button, channel 5 will be selected after a brief delay. You may only select channels 2-69.

SPEED Button
Press to select the recording speed (SP or SLP). *Details are on pages 30 and 44.*

TIME SEARCH Button
Press to fast forward or rewind the tape a specific length of time. *Details are on page 35.*

MENU Button
Press to access the VCR menu.

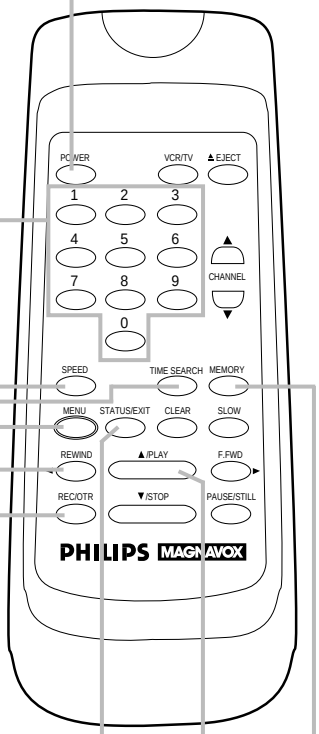
REWIND/◄ Button
When tape playback is stopped, press to rewind the tape at high speed. During playback, press to rewind the tape while the picture stays on the screen. *Details are on page 36.* Press to return to a previous menu.

REC(ord)/OTR Button
Press once to start a recording. *Details are on page 25.* Or, press repeatedly to start a One-Touch Recording. *Details are on page 27.*

STATUS/EXIT Button
Press to access or remove the on-screen status display. *Details are on page 20.* Press to exit on-screen menus.

PLAY/▲ Button
Press to play a tape; press to release Slow, Search, or Still mode and return to normal playback. *Details are on page 36.* Press to select an item in the on-screen menu.

MEMORY Button
Press to memorize a tape position at which the real-time counter was set to 0:00:00. *Details are on page 34.*



EJECT Button
Press to eject the tape.

VCR/TV Button
Use to select the signal that your TV receives.

VCR Position
Use to watch a tape, to watch a program while recording it, or to watch a TV broadcast using the CHANNEL ▲/▼ or Number buttons to change channels at the VCR. If the VCR/TV light appears on the display panel of the VCR, it is in VCR position.

TV Position
Use to watch TV (changing channels at the TV) or to watch one program while recording another. *Details are on page 26.* If the VCR/TV light doesn't appear on the display panel of the VCR, it is in TV position.

CLEAR Button
Press to erase incorrect data when programming VCR functions. Also, press to reset the real-time counter. *Details are on page 34.*

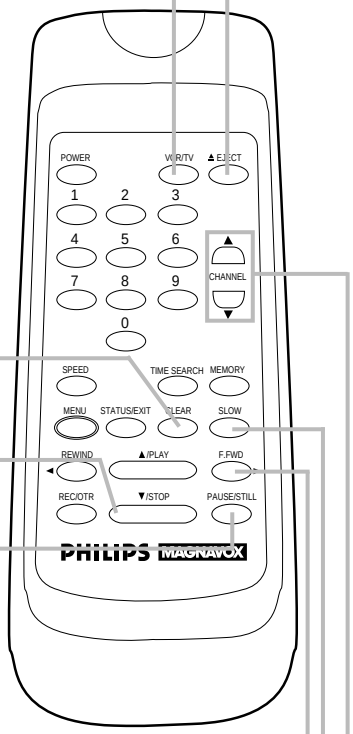
STOP/▼ Button
Press to stop the tape. Press to select an item in the VCR menu.

PAUSE/STILL Button
While recording, press to temporarily stop the recording (pause). Press a second time to resume normal recording. *Details are on page 25.* You can not pause a One-Touch Recording. Or, press during tape playback to freeze the picture. Press again to resume playback. *Details are on page 36.*

F.FWD(Fast Forward)/► Button
When playback is stopped, press to fast forward the tape at high speed. During playback, press to fast forward the tape while the picture stays on the screen. *Details are on page 36.* Press to advance to the next menu or to change the setting of an item in the menu.

SLOW Button
During tape playback, press to view the picture in slow motion. Press again to resume normal playback. *Details are on page 36.*

CHANNEL ▲/▼ Buttons
Press to change channels at the VCR.



20 On-Screen Status Displays

A status display will appear when you press the STATUS/EXIT button or certain function buttons. The contents of the status display will vary. To choose the status display mode, follow the steps below.

If you select STATUS ON, then select COUNTER ONLY ON:

- Whenever you press the STOP/▼ button or the PLAY/▲ button, the status display will appear for five seconds. After five seconds, only the counter will remain on the screen. You must press the STATUS/EXIT button to remove it. Portions of the status display also may appear when you press other function buttons.

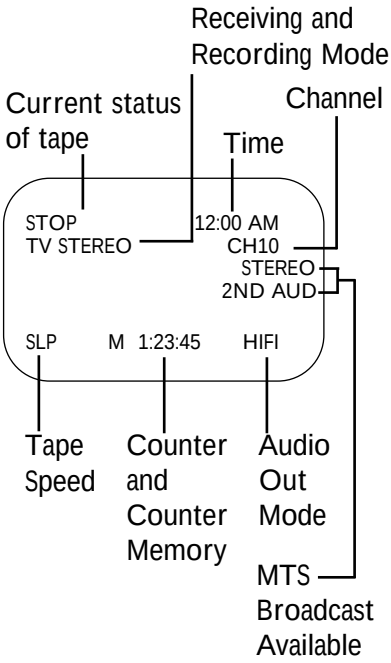
If you select STATUS ON, then select COUNTER ONLY OFF:

- Whenever you press the STOP/▼ button or the PLAY/▲ button, the status display will appear for five seconds. Portions of the status display also may appear when you press other function buttons.

If you select STATUS OFF:

- The status display will not appear when you press function buttons. You must press the STATUS/EXIT button to see the status display.

Status Display (example only)



1

Press the MENU button.

2

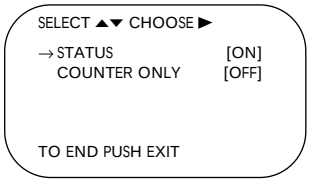
Press the PLAY/▲ button or the STOP/▼ button to select VCR SET UP, then press the F.FWD/► button.

3

Press the PLAY/▲ button or the STOP/▼ button to select ON SCREEN MODE, then press the F.FWD/► button.

4

Press the PLAY/▲ button or the STOP/▼ button to select STATUS, then press the F.FWD/► button so that OFF (or ON) appears beside STATUS.



5

If you set STATUS to OFF, go to step 6. If you set STATUS to ON, press the PLAY/▲ button or the STOP/▼ button to select COUNTER ONLY, then press the F.FWD/► button so that OFF (or ON) appears beside it.

6

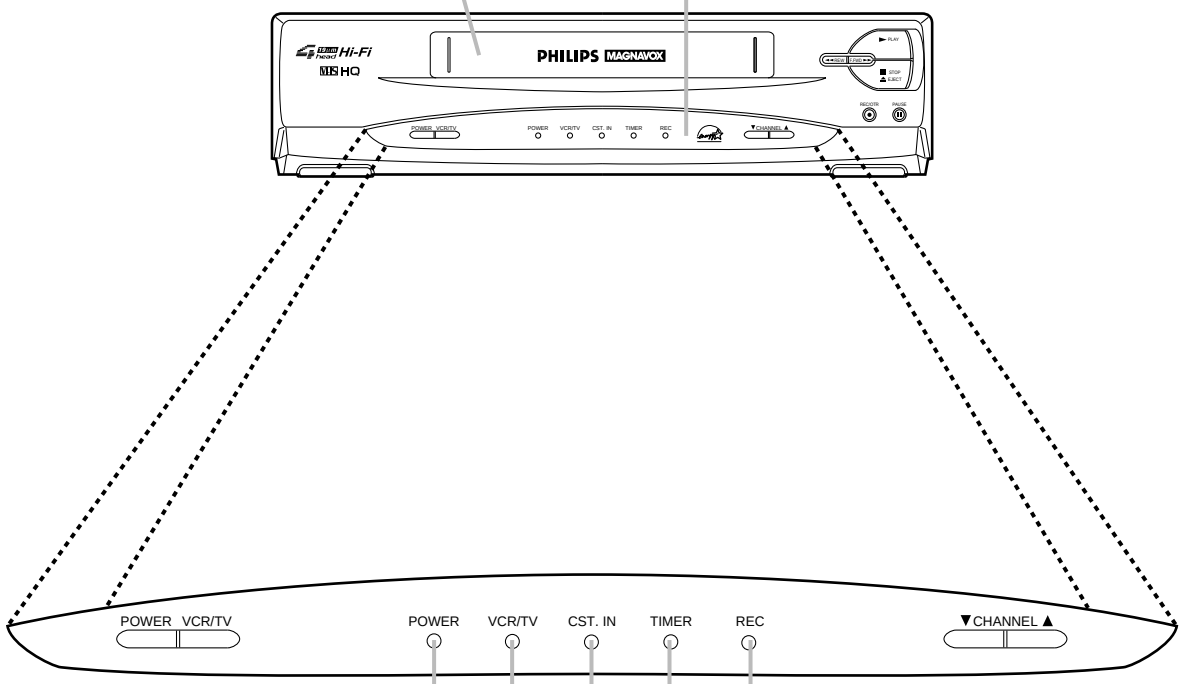
Press the STATUS/EXIT button.

Helpful Hints

- *You may not access a status display when viewing a still picture, during slow motion playback, or during forward or reverse searching.*
- *The status display may not appear if a weak channel is selected and BLUE BACKGROUND is set to OFF. Details are on page 13.*

VCR Display Panel
Information about VCR operations is displayed here.

Cassette Compartment
Insert a tape here.



POWER Light
This light appears when the power is on.

VCR/TV Light
This light appears when the VCR is in VCR position. This light does not appear when the VCR is in TV position.

REC(ord) Light
This light appears during a recording. It flashes when a recording is paused.

TIMER Light
This light glows when the VCR is turned off to set a timer recording or during a One-Touch Recording. It flashes if the power is off for a timer recording, but there is no tape in the VCR. It flashes when all timer recordings or One-Touch Recordings are finished.

CST. IN (Cassette-Inside) Light
This light appears when there is a tape in the VCR.

22 Front Panel

STOP/EJECT Button
Press once to stop the tape. When playback is stopped, press to eject the tape. Press to select an item in the menu.

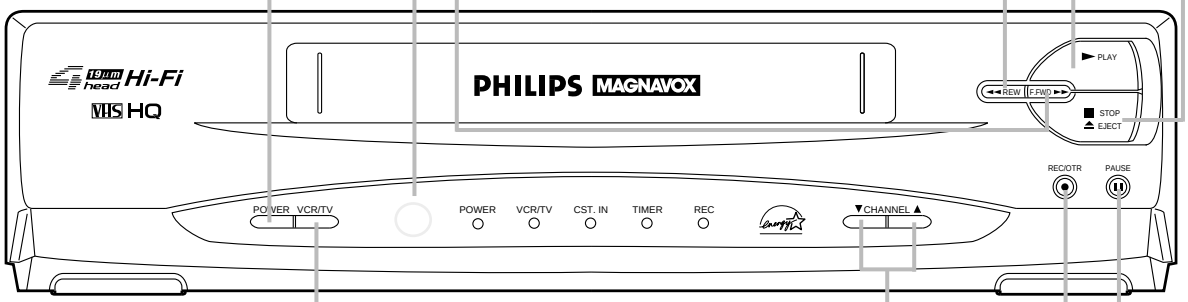
Remote Sensor
Receives a signal from your remote control so you can operate your VCR from a distance.

F.FWD (Fast Forward) Button
When playback is stopped, press to fast forward the tape at high speed. During tape playback, press to fast forward the tape while the picture stays on the screen. *Details are on page 36.* Press to advance to the next menu or to change the setting of an item in the menu.

POWER Button
Press to turn the VCR power on and off.

PLAY Button
Press to play a tape. Press to release Slow, Search, or Still mode and return to playback. *Details are on page 36.* Press to select an item in the menu.

REW(ind) Button
When playback is stopped, press to rewind the tape at high speed. During playback, press to rewind the tape while the picture stays on the screen. *Details are on page 36.* Press to return to a previous menu.



CHANNEL (▼/▲) Buttons
Press to change channels at the VCR. Or, press to adjust the tracking of a tape during normal playback or slow motion playback. Also, press to remove vertical jitter in a Still picture.

VCR/TV Button
Press to select VCR or TV position.

- **VCR Position**
  Use to watch a tape, to watch a program while recording it, or to watch a TV program (changing channels at the VCR). When the VCR/TV light appears on the display panel, the VCR is in VCR position.
- **TV Position**
  Use to watch TV (changing channels at the TV) or to watch one program while recording another. When the VCR/TV light does not appear on the display panel, the VCR is in TV position.

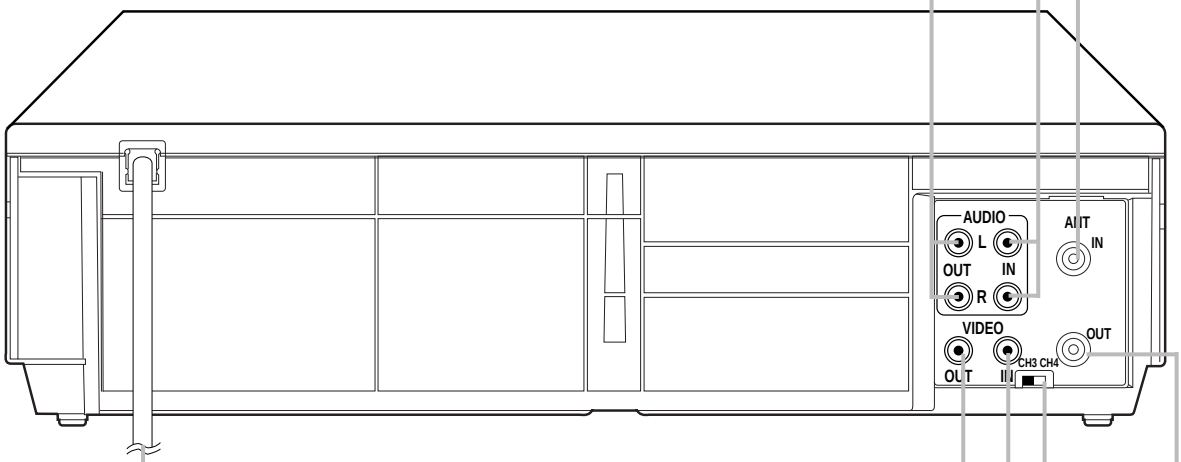
REC(ord)/OTR Button
Press once to start a recording. Press repeatedly to start a One-Touch Recording. *Details are on page 27.*

PAUSE Button
While recording, press to pause the recording. Press again to resume recording. *Details are on page 25.* You can not pause a One-Touch Recording. During tape playback, press to freeze the picture. Press again to resume playback. *Details are on page 36.*

ANT(enna) IN Jack
Connect your antenna or cable here. *Details are on pages six-10.*

AUDIO IN Jacks
Connect cables coming from the AUDIO OUT Jacks of a camcorder, another VCR, or an audio source here. *Details are on page 32.*

AUDIO OUT Jacks
Connect cables going to the AUDIO IN Jacks of a camcorder, another VCR, or an audio system here. *Details are on pages 32 and 38.*



VIDEO OUT Jack
Connect a cable going to the VIDEO IN Jack of a camcorder, another VCR, or an audio-visual system (monitor, laser disc player, video disc player, etc.) here. *Details are on pages 32 and 38.*

VIDEO IN Jack
Connect a cable coming from the VIDEO OUT Jack of a camcorder, another VCR, or an audio-visual source (laser disc player, video disc player, etc.) here. *Details are on page 32.*

AC Power Cord
Connect to a standard AC outlet to supply power to the VCR.

CH3/CH4 Switch
Set to channel 3 or 4 to use your TV with your VCR. *Details are on pages six-nine.*

OUT Jack
Use the supplied RF coaxial cable to connect this jack to the ANTENNA IN Jack on your TV, Cable Box, or Direct Broadcast System. *Details are on pages six-nine.*

24 Playing

Read and follow the steps below to play a tape.

1

Turn on the TV and set it to channel 3 or 4, whichever channel the CH3/CH4 switch on the back of the VCR is set to.

2

Insert a tape in the VCR. The POWER, VCR/TV and CST. IN lights will appear on the display panel. If the tape's record tab has been removed, playback will start automatically.

3

If playback does not start automatically, press the PLAY/▲ button.

4

Press the STOP/▼ button to stop playback.

5

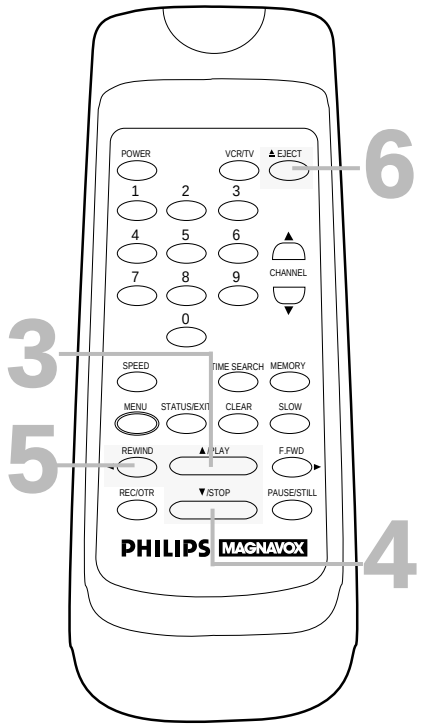
Press the REWIND/◄ button to rewind the tape.

6

Press the EJECT button to remove the tape.

1 Turn on the TV.

2 Insert a tape in the VCR.



Helpful Hints

- *If the tape you want to play is already in the VCR, make sure the VCR power is on and the VCR is in VCR position. (The VCR/TV light will appear on the display panel. If it does not, press the VCR/TV button.) Then press the PLAY/▲ button.*
- *Other playback options and features are on pages 33-41.*

Read and follow the steps below to record a television program.

1 Turn on the TV.

2 Insert a tape in the VCR.

1

Turn on the TV and set it to channel 3 or 4, whichever channel the CH3/CH4 switch on the back of the VCR is set to.

2

Insert a tape with its record tab intact in the VCR.

3

If the VCR/TV light appears on the display panel, go to step 4. **If the VCR/TV light does not appear, press the VCR/TV button once.**

4

Press the SPEED button until the desired tape speed appears briefly on the screen. *(Details about tape speed are on page 30.)*

5

Use the CHANNEL ▲/▼ buttons or the Number buttons to select the channel to be recorded.

6

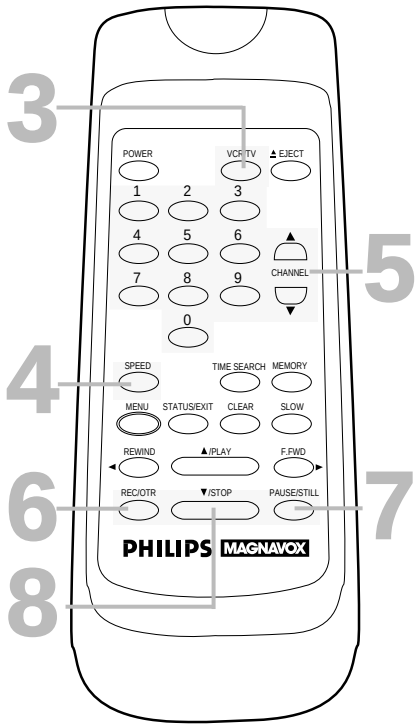
Press the REC(ord)/OTR button once to start recording. The REC(ord) light will appear.

7

To pause the recording, press the PAUSE/STILL button once. The REC(ord) light will flash. **To resume recording, press the REC(ord)/OTR button or press the PAUSE/STILL button again.** The REC(ord) light will come on again.

8

To stop recording, press the STOP/▼ button.



Helpful Hints

- *If you press the REC(ord)/OTR button when there is not a tape in the VCR, NO CASSETTE will flash on the screen.*
- *If you press the REC(ord)/OTR button while a tape without a record tab is in the VCR, the VCR will eject the tape and PROTECTED CASSETTE CANNOT RECORD will flash on the screen.*
- *Other recording options are on pages 26-32.*
- *You can change the tape speed during a recording, but some distortion will appear on the tape.*
- *The VCR will record in a preset volume.*

26 Recording One Channel/Watching Another

1

Press the REC(ord)/OTR button to start a recording of the current channel. (See page 25.)

2

Press the VCR/TV button to put the VCR in TV position. The VCR/TV light will disappear from the VCR's display panel.

3

Use the TV remote control to select the channel you want to watch at the TV.

4

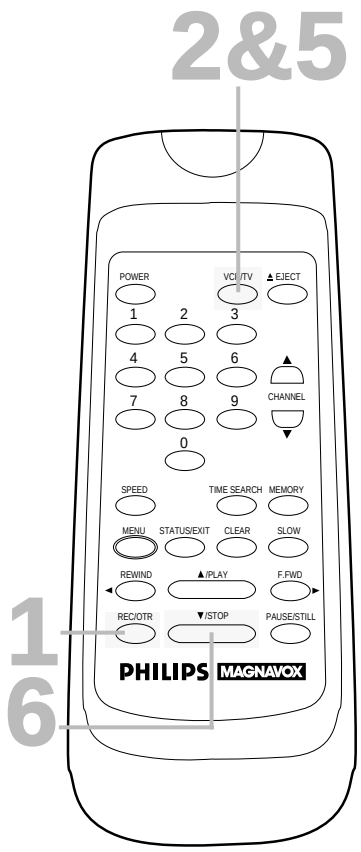
To return to the channel being recorded, use the TV remote control to select channel 03 or 04 at the TV (whichever channel the CH3/CH4 switch on the back of the VCR is set to).

5

Press the VCR/TV button to put the VCR in VCR position. The VCR/TV light will appear on the display panel. The channel being recorded will appear on the screen.

6

Press the STOP/▼ button to stop the recording.



3 Select the channel you want to watch at the TV.

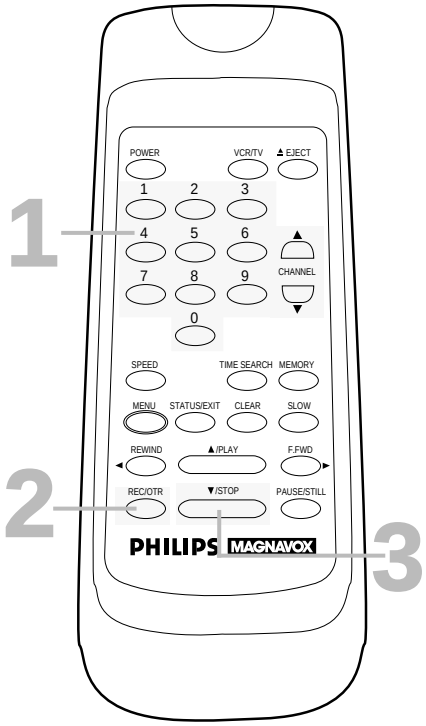
4 Select channel 03 or 04 at the TV.

Helpful Hint

- *If you use a Cable Box or Direct Broadcast System hookup, you may not be able to watch one channel while recording another. See pages eight-nine for details.*

The One-Touch Recording (OTR) feature allows you to set an immediate timed recording 30 minutes to eight hours long. Before you begin:

- Set up the channels at the VCR.
- Select a recording speed (SP, SLP) with the SPEED button.
- Put a tape in the VCR. Make sure the tape's record tab is intact and the tape is long enough to record the program(s). If the end of a tape is reached during an OTR, the VCR will eject the tape and turn itself off.
- Place the VCR in VCR position. (The VCR/TV light will appear on the display panel. If it does not, press the VCR/TV button once.)

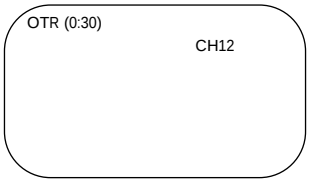


1

Press the CHANNEL ▲/▼ buttons or the Number buttons to select the channel you want to record.

2

Press the REC(ord)/OTR button repeatedly until the desired recording length (30 minutes to eight hours) appears on the screen. Recording will begin immediately. The REC(ord) light and the TIMER light will appear on the display panel.



3

To stop an OTR before recording is finished, press the STOP/▼ button.

To cancel the OTR but continue recording, press the REC(ord)/OTR button repeatedly until REC appears in the upper left corner of the TV screen. (STATUS must be set to ON. See page 20 for details.) The REC(ord) light will remain on the display panel of the VCR, but the TIMER light will disappear.

Helpful Hints

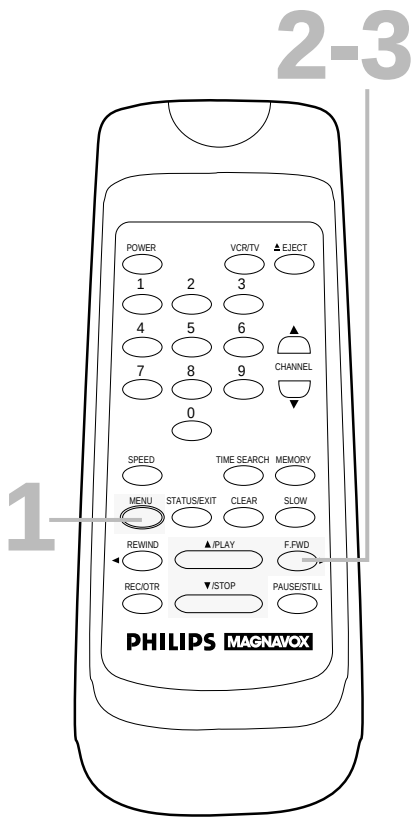
- *To check the time remaining for an OTR after the OTR has been set, press the STATUS/EXIT button.*
- *To change the recording length while an OTR is in progress, press the REC(ord)/OTR button until the desired length appears on the screen.*
- *If you begin an OTR when another recording is paused, the OTR will begin.*
- *You can not pause an OTR.*
- *If the preset time for a timer recording comes up during an OTR, the OTR has priority. A message will remind you when the timer recording was scheduled to begin. You may let the OTR continue; the timer recording will not take place. Or, stop the OTR and turn off the VCR immediately. The timer recording will take place if you turn off the VCR before the timer recording's scheduled start time.*

28 Timer Recording

Follow the steps below to program your VCR to record TV programs while you're away from home. The VCR will turn itself on, record, and turn itself off automatically. Before you begin:

- Set up the channels at the VCR.
- Set the clock.
- Put a tape in the VCR. Make sure the tape's record tab is intact and the tape is long enough to record the program(s).
- Put the VCR in VCR position. The VCR/TV light will appear on the display panel. If it does not, press the VCR/TV button once.

Do each step within 60 seconds of the previous step.



1

Press the MENU button.

```
SELECT ▲▼ CHOOSE ►

→ PROGRAM
  VCR SET UP
  TUNER SET UP
  SET CLOCK

TO END PUSH EXIT
```

2

Press the PLAY/▲ button or the STOP/▼ button to select PROGRAM, then press the F.FWD/► button.

```
SELECT ▲▼ CHOOSE ►

→ ONCE
  DAILY
  WEEKLY
  PROGRAM REVIEW

TO END PUSH EXIT
```

3

Press the PLAY/▲ button or the STOP/▼ button to select a ONCE, DAILY, or WEEKLY recording. Then, press the F.FWD/► button.

- **ONCE:** The VCR will record a TV program on any day you choose, up to 12 months away.
- **DAILY:** The VCR will record the same channel every day from Monday to Friday – starting at the same time and recording for the same length of time.
- **WEEKLY:** The VCR will record the same channel on the same day, at the same time, and for the same length of time every week.

Daily Recording (example)

```
DAILY PROGRAM (MON-FRI)
  PROGRAM   -1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8-

SELECT PROGRAM NUMBER
TO END PUSH EXIT
```

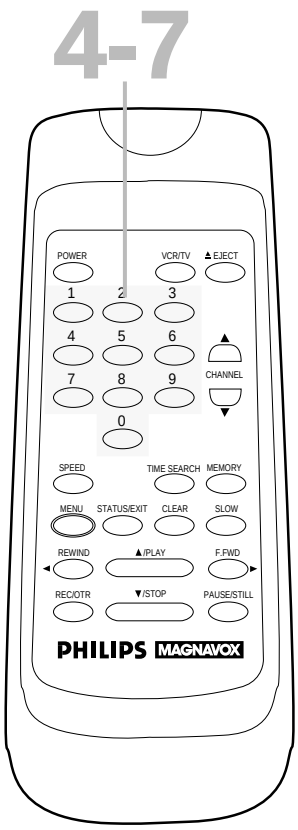
Helpful Hint

- *If you need to make a correction while programming a timer recording, press the CLEAR button until the cursor is flashing on the item you want to change. Then enter the correct information.*

4

Use the Number buttons (1-8) to select a slot in which to store the timer recording. There are eight slots. Numbers for open slots will flash on the screen.

NOTE: If you enter a number for a slot that has already been used to store a timer recording, PREVIOUSLY SET PROGRAM will appear on the screen briefly. Information about the program in that slot will appear on the screen. If this happens, press the STATUS/EXIT button, then select another number.



5

Use the Number buttons to enter the channel you want to record.

- Cable Users, enter channel numbers as a two-digit number for the quickest results. For example, to select channel 6, press 0,6. If you only press the Number 6 button, channel 6 will be selected after a brief delay. There also may be a brief delay when you select channels 10, 11, and 12. If you want to select channels 100 and above, enter channel numbers as a three-digit number. For example, to select channel 117, press 1, 1, 7.
  Antenna Users, enter channel numbers as a two-digit number for the quickest results. For example, to select channel 5, press 0,5. If you only press the Number 5 button, channel 5 will be selected after a brief delay. You may only select channels 2-69.
- If you are recording from line input, press 0,0 to select A/V IN.
- If you are using a Cable Box/DBS, select the Cable Box/DBS output channel (03 or 04). Set the Cable Box/DBS to the channel you want to record. Leave the Cable Box/DBS on for the timer recording. *See page eight for details.*

6

Press two Number buttons for the hour you want the recording to begin. Press two Number buttons for the minute you want the recording to begin. Press 1 for AM or 2 for PM. For example, for 9:30 PM, press 09, 30, 2.

```
ONE TIME PROGRAM
  PROGRAM    1
  CHANNEL    10
  TIME ON    – – : – –


TO CORRECT PUSH CLEAR
TO END PUSH EXIT
```

7

Follow the instructions in step 6 to enter the recording's stop time. (AM or PM will be set automatically.)

```
ONE TIME PROGRAM
  PROGRAM    1
  CHANNEL    10
  TIME ON    09:30 PM
  TIME OFF   – – : – –


TO CORRECT PUSH CLEAR
TO END PUSH EXIT
```

Instructions continue on page 30.

Helpful Hint

- *Entries that do not match the VCR's clock or calendar will cause a question mark to appear on the screen.*

30 Timer Recording (cont'd)

8

Press the Number 1 button to record in SP speed or the Number 2 button to record in SLP speed. (See the chart below.) You cannot use the SPEED button at this time.

```
ONE TIME PROGRAM
  PROGRAM      1
  CHANNEL      10
  TIME ON      09:30 PM
  TIME OFF     11:00 PM
  REC SPEED    SLP
    SP=1  SLP=2

TO CORRECT PUSH CLEAR
TO END PUSH EXIT
```

9

Press two Number buttons for the month and two Number buttons for the day you want to record the program. For example, for July 10, 1999, press 07, 10. The day of the week and the year will appear automatically (you cannot program the VCR to record more than one year in advance).

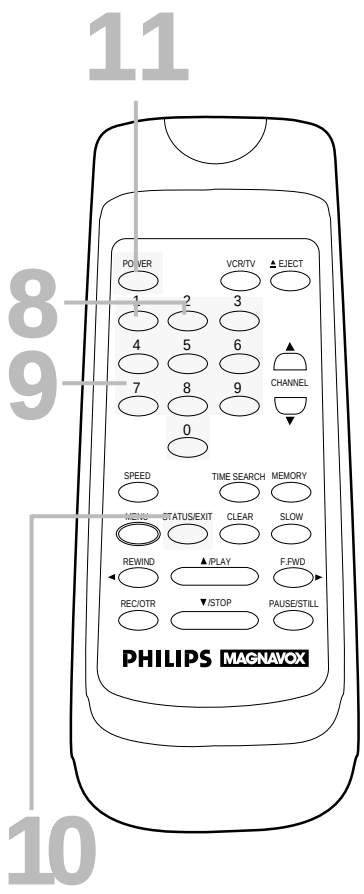
```
ONE TIME PROGRAM
  PROGRAM      1
  CHANNEL      10
  TIME ON      09:30 PM
  TIME OFF     11:00 PM
  REC SPEED    SLP
  START DATE   07/10/99
               SAT.
TO CORRECT PUSH CLEAR
TO END PUSH EXIT
```

10

Press the STATUS/EXIT button. PROGRAM WAS COMPLETED/PLEASE TURN OFF VCR FOR TIMER RECORDING will appear on the screen briefly. (If PROGRAM NOT COMPLETED appears, try again from step 1.)

11

Press the POWER button to turn off the VCR power. The TIMER light will appear on the display panel.
If the timer recording will take place several hours or days from now, you may use the VCR until time for the recording. Turn off the VCR a few minutes before the recording starts. If you forget to turn off the VCR, PLEASE TURN OFF VCR FOR TIMER RECORDING flashes on your TV screen two minutes before a timer recording starts. Press the CLEAR button to remove the message.



Turn off the VCR for the recording. Insert a tape in the VCR. Leave the Cable Box/DBS on (if applicable).

Tape Speeds
This chart shows the recording/playback time for three types of video cassettes (T160, T120, and T60). There are three playback speeds: SP, LP, and SLP. When recording, you can change the tape speed (SP or SLP) using the SPEED button. You cannot record in LP speed.

Tape Speed	Cassette type/Playback Time T160	T120	T60
SP (standard play)	2 hrs. 40 mins.	2 hrs.	1 hr.
LP (long play) (playback only)	5 hrs. 20 mins.	4 hrs.	2 hrs.
SLP (super long play)	8 hrs.	6 hrs.	3 hrs.

Checking or Cancelling Timer Recordings

1

With the VCR on and in VCR position (the VCR/TV light will appear on the display panel), **press the MENU button.**

2

Press the PLAY/▲ button or the STOP/▼ button to select PROGRAM, then press the F.FWD/► button.

3

Press the PLAY/▲ button or the STOP/▼ button to select PROGRAM REVIEW, then press the F.FWD/► button. The timer recording information for the program in the lowest numbered slot will appear on the screen. If no timer recordings are set, nothing will happen when you press the F.FWD/► button.

4

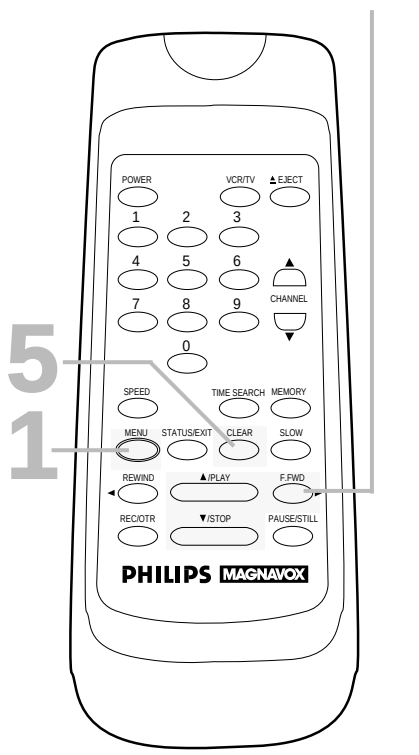
Press the F.FWD/► button repeatedly to review all programmed timer recordings. If you don't press the F.FWD/► button within 10 seconds, the VCR will automatically display information about the next programmed timer recording. This will continue until all timer recordings have been displayed. Then the menu will disappear.

5

To cancel the timer recording displayed, press the CLEAR button. Either the display will disappear or information about other timer recordings will appear. If you do not press any other buttons, the display will disappear after all timer recordings have been displayed.

6

Repeat steps 1-4 to make sure you have cleared the correct timer recording.



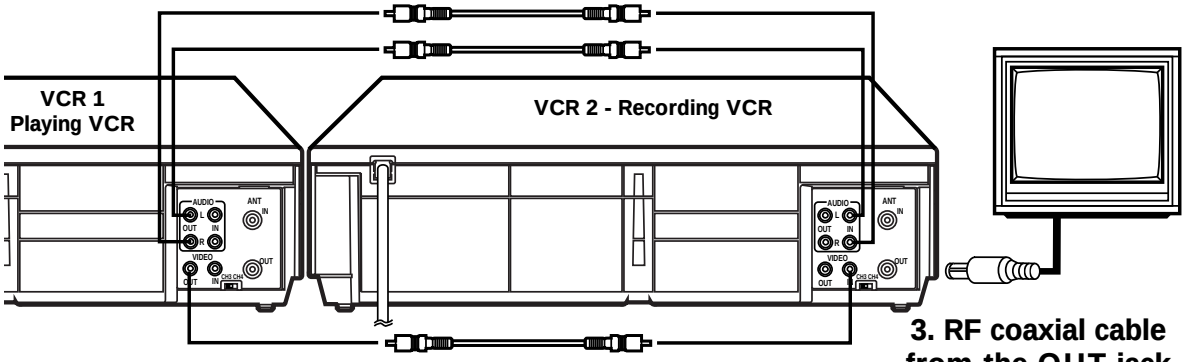
Helpful Hints

- *CLASH may flash on the screen when you finish setting a timer recording. This means that the timer recording you just programmed and another timer recording overlap. The current timer recording will not take place. You may choose to cancel the overlapping timer recording.*
- *To stop a started timer recording, press the STOP/EJECT button on the VCR.*
- *If the power fails for more than one minute, programmed timer recordings will be lost. If this occurs, repeat the steps on pages 11 and 15 before resetting the timer recordings.*
- *If the preset time for a timer recording comes up during an OTR, the OTR has priority. A message will remind you when the timer recording was scheduled to begin. You may let the OTR continue; the timer recording will not take place. Or, stop the OTR and turn off the VCR immediately. The timer recording will take place if you turn off the VCR before the timer recording's scheduled start time.*

See page 42 for more hints.

32 Rerecording (Tape Duplication)

1. Audio cables from AUDIO OUT Jacks of VCR 1 to AUDIO IN Jacks of VCR 2



2. Video cable from VIDEO OUT Jack of VCR 1 to VIDEO IN Jack of VCR 2

3. RF coaxial cable from the OUT jack of VCR 2 to the TV's ANTENNA IN Jack

- Audio and Video cables are not supplied.

1

Make the connections shown above.

2

VCR 1 will play your tape. **Put a prerecorded tape in VCR 1.**

3

VCR 2 will record your tape. **Insert a blank tape in VCR 2.** The VCR must be in VCR position. (The VCR/TV light will appear on the display panel. If it does not, press the VCR/TV button once.)

4

Turn on the TV and set it to channel 03 or 04, whichever channel the CH3/CH4 switch on VCR 2 is set to.

5

Point the remote control at VCR 2. Press the Number buttons 0, 0 to select Line Input. A/V IN will appear on the screen.

6

Press the SPEED button to select SP or SLP at VCR 2.

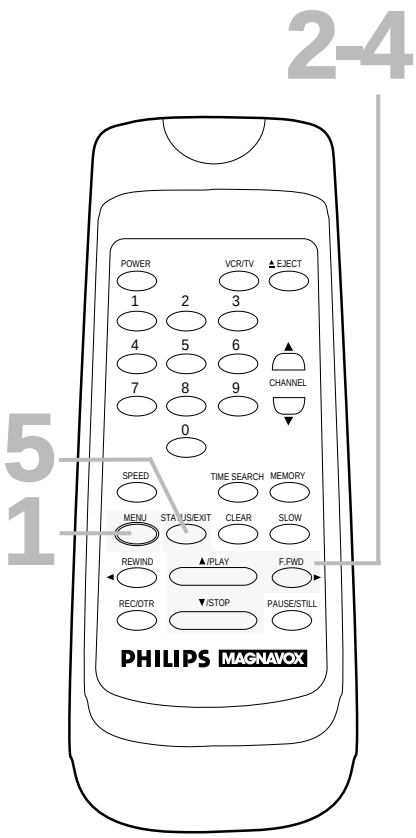
7

Press the PLAY button on VCR 1 and the REC(ord)/OTR button on VCR 2 at the same time.
To stop recording, press the STOP/EJECT button on VCR 1, then press the STOP/EJECT button on VCR 2.

Helpful Hints

- *Unauthorized recording of copyrighted television programs, video tapes, or other materials may infringe on the rights of copyright owners and violate copyright laws.*
- *If a program has copy guard protection, it may not record clearly.*
- *These instructions show you how to copy tapes using two VCRs like yours. Different VCRs may operate differently.*

Follow the steps below to make the VCR play a tape over and over.



1

Press the MENU button.

```
SELECT ▲▼ CHOOSE ►

→PROGRAM
  VCR SET UP
  TUNER SET UP
  SET CLOCK

TO END PUSH EXIT
```

2

Press the PLAY/▲ button or the STOP/▼ button to select VCR SET UP, then press the F.FWD/► button.

```
SELECT ▲▼ CHOOSE ►

→REPEAT PLAY          OFF
  ON SCREEN MODE
  AUDIO OUT
  LANGUAGE
  BLUE BACKGROUND     ON

TO END PUSH EXIT
```

3

Press the PLAY/▲ button or the STOP/▼ button to select REPEAT PLAY.

4

Press the F.FWD/► button so that ON appears beside REPEAT PLAY.

5

Press the STATUS/EXIT button. Now, when a tape has finished playing, the VCR will rewind it and start playback again.

Helpful Hints

- *To cancel Repeat Play, follow steps 1-3 above. At step 4, press the F.FWD/► button so that OFF appears beside REPEAT PLAY. Press the STATUS/EXIT button.*
- *The real-time counter memory does not function during Repeat Play.*

34 Real-Time Counter Memory

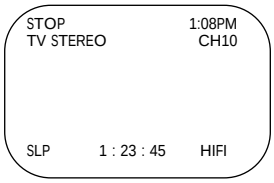
Follow the steps below to reset the real-time counter to zero at a tape location you want to refer to later.

1

Play, fast forward, or rewind a tape to the location that you would like to refer to later. Press the STOP/▼ button to stop the tape.

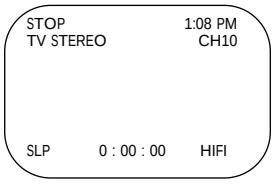
2

Press the STATUS/EXIT button to see the status display.



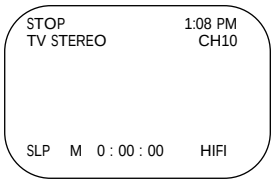
3

While the status display is on the screen, press the CLEAR button to reset the real-time counter to zero.



4

While the real-time counter is on the screen, press the MEMORY button so that M appears beside the counter.

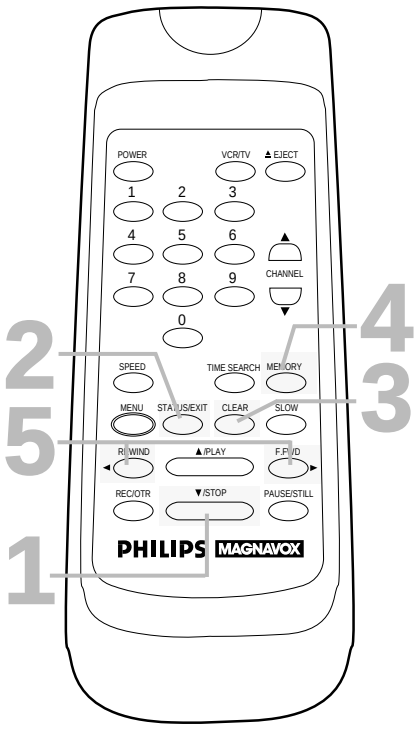


5

To go to a tape location where the real-time counter was reset to zero, press the REWIND/◄ button or the F.FWD/► button when playback is stopped.

When the tape reaches the point at which the counter was set to zero, the tape will stop.

Press the PLAY/▲ button to watch the tape.



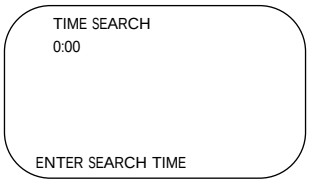
Helpful Hints

- *The MEMORY button does not function if REPEAT PLAY is set to ON. Details are on page 33.*
- *To erase a real-time counter memory, press the MEMORY button until the M disappears from the screen.*
- *You may only set the real-time counter to zero at one location at a time. If you set the real-time counter to zero at a second location, the previous real-time counter to zero setting will be erased.*

Follow the steps below to program the VCR to search forward or backward on a tape a specific length of time. There must be a tape in the VCR.

1

Press the TIME SEARCH button.

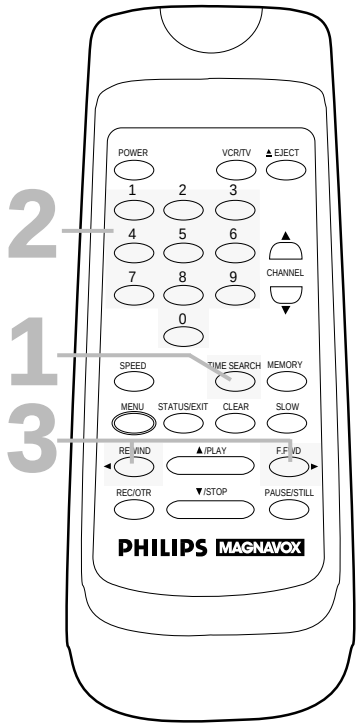


2

Within 10 seconds, use the Number buttons to enter the desired length of time you want to skip forward or backward. For example, for 1 hour, 25 minutes, press Number buttons 1, 2, 5. Or, for five minutes, press Number buttons 0, 0, 5.

3

Within 10 seconds, press the F.FWD/► button or the REWIND/◄ button. The VCR will skip over the specified length of time, then begin playback.



Helpful Hints

- *If you want to search for more than 59 minutes, you must enter the length of time in hours and minutes. For example, to search forward 70 minutes, press 1,1,0 at step 2.*
- *You can not do a Time Search while recording.*
- *To remove the Time Search display, press the TIME SEARCH button again.*
- *To cancel a Time Search that is in progress, press the STOP/▼ button.*

36 Special Effects Playback

Forward and Reverse Searching (SP/LP/SLP)

1

During tape playback, press and release the F.FWD/► button or the REWIND/◄ button. A fast forward or reverse picture search will begin.

2

To return to playback, press the PLAY/▲ button.

Super High Speed Searching (LP/SLP)

1

During tape playback, press the F.FWD/► button or the REWIND/◄ button, then press again. The VCR will now search in super high speed.

2

To return to normal playback, press the PLAY/▲ button.

Viewing a Still Picture

1

During tape playback, press the PAUSE/STILL button. A still picture will appear on the screen.

2

To release the still picture and return to playback, press the PLAY/▲ button or press the PAUSE/STILL button again.

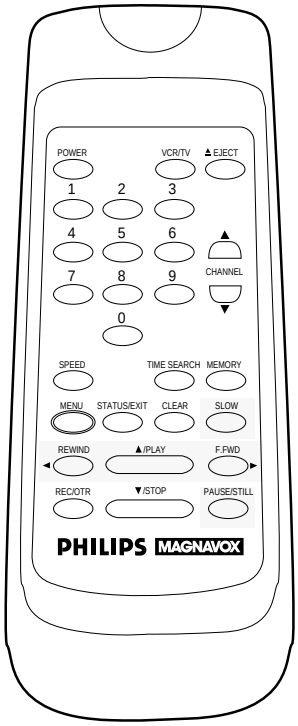
Viewing a Slow Motion Picture

1

During tape playback, press the SLOW button. The tape will play in slow motion.

2

To release Slow mode and return to normal playback, press the PLAY/▲ button or press the SLOW button again.



Helpful Hints

- *Slow and Still modes will automatically switch to Stop mode after five minutes to protect the VCR and the tape from damage.*
- *SP/LP/SLP means this feature will work with tapes recorded in Standard Play, Long Play, or Super Long Play.*
- *LP/SLP means this feature will work with tapes recorded in Long Play or Super Long Play. For details about tape speed, see pages 30 and 44.*

The following playback features will always operate.

Automatic Playback

When you put a tape in the VCR, the power will come on automatically. If the tape's record tab is missing, playback will begin.
If a timer recording is set, the power will not come on automatically when you insert a tape with the record tab intact.
If a timer recording is set and the VCR power is off, the VCR will eject the tape if the record tab is missing.

Automatic Rewind, Eject, Off

When a tape is played, fast forwarded, or recorded to its end, the VCR will rewind the tape, stop, eject the tape, then turn itself off.
If the real-time counter memory is set, the VCR will only rewind the tape to the point at which the counter is set to zero, then stop. The VCR will not eject the tape automatically or shut itself off.

Tape Eject

A tape can be ejected with the VCR power on or off (but the VCR must be plugged in). If a timer recording is set, a tape can only be ejected with the power on. Make sure you insert a tape and turn off the VCR power for the timer recording.

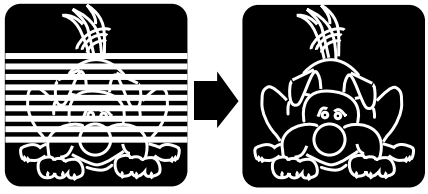
Automatic Tracking Adjustment

The VCR adjusts tracking automatically to give you the best possible picture quality. With some recordings, however, you may get a better picture using the manual tracking controls (see below).

Manual Tracking

To manually adjust the tracking during normal playback and slow motion playback, press the CHANNEL ▲/▼ buttons **on the VCR**. (The CHANNEL ▲/▼ buttons on the remote control will not adjust tracking.)
Tracking will return to Automatic Tracking Adjustment when you press the STOP/▼ button or insert a tape.
You cannot manually adjust the tracking of a Still picture. However, you may press the CHANNEL ▲/▼ buttons on the VCR to remove vertical jitter in a Still picture.

Before Tracking Adjustment



After Tracking Adjustment

38 Multi-Channel Television Sound System

Your VCR can play recordings broadcast in Hi-Fi (high fidelity) stereo, which produces a crisp, clear sound from two sources. Your VCR also can play tapes recorded in a second audio (usually, that means your program is recorded in a second language). Of course, your VCR will play tapes recorded in monaural (single-source) sound as well.

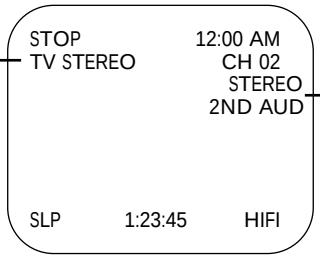
Your VCR also will record in Hi-Fi stereo or in second audio, so when you play back that tape on the VCR, it will be in stereo or second audio.

Read the directions on this page to familiarize yourself with your VCR's stereo and second audio setups. Then follow the directions on page 39 to record in stereo or second audio and the directions on pages 40-41 to play back tapes recorded in Hi-Fi stereo.

Understanding On-Screen Displays

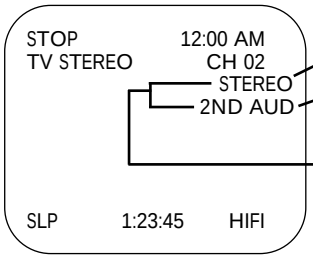
When you receive a signal from a channel you're watching, portions of the on-screen display shown below will appear when you press the STATUS/EXIT button on the remote control.

The indication 2ND AUD or TV STEREO that appears on this side of the status display tells you if your VCR is programmed to receive a second audio or stereo broadcast (it cannot be programmed to receive both at the same time).



The indication 2ND AUD or STEREO that appears on this side of the status display tells you if the program you're watching is available in second audio or stereo.
This indication is not available during tape playback.

Specifically…

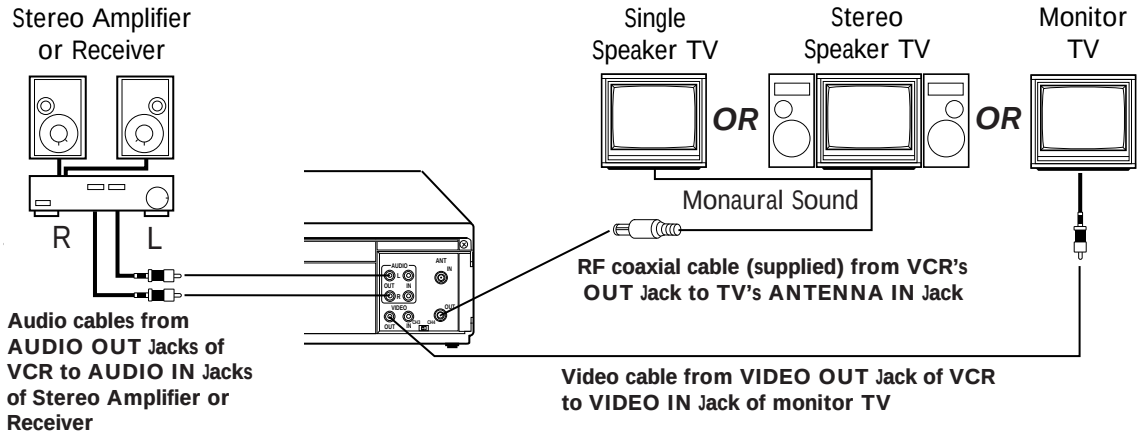


When a program broadcast in stereo is available, STEREO appears here.

When a program broadcast in second audio is available, 2ND AUD appears here.

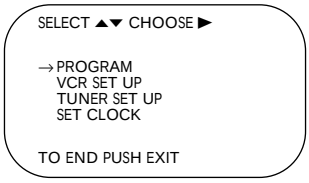
When a program is available both in stereo and second audio, both STEREO and 2ND AUD appear here. Even though a program is available in stereo or second audio, you still must program the VCR to receive or record the program. Follow the directions on page 39.
NOTE: Although a program may be broadcast in both stereo and second audio, you cannot record in both stereo and second audio at the same time.

To record and play back programs broadcast in stereo, even if you have a single-speaker TV, just use one of the connections shown, then follow the steps on pages 39-41.


Stereo Amplifier or Receiver
Single Speaker TV
Stereo Speaker TV
Monitor TV
OR
OR
R
L
Monaural Sound
RF coaxial cable (supplied) from VCR's OUT Jack to TV's ANTENNA IN Jack
Audio cables from AUDIO OUT Jacks of VCR to AUDIO IN Jacks of Stereo Amplifier or Receiver
Video cable from VIDEO OUT Jack of VCR to VIDEO IN Jack of monitor TV

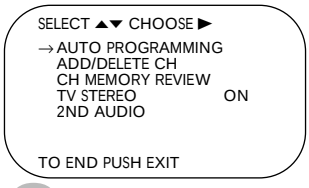
1

Press the MENU button.



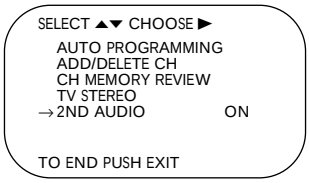
2

Press the PLAY/▲ button or the STOP/▼ button to select TUNER SET UP, then press the F.FWD/▶ button.



3

Press the PLAY/▲ button or the STOP/▼ button to select TV STEREO or 2ND AUDIO. Then, press the F.FWD/▶ button. ON will appear to the right of your selection.



4

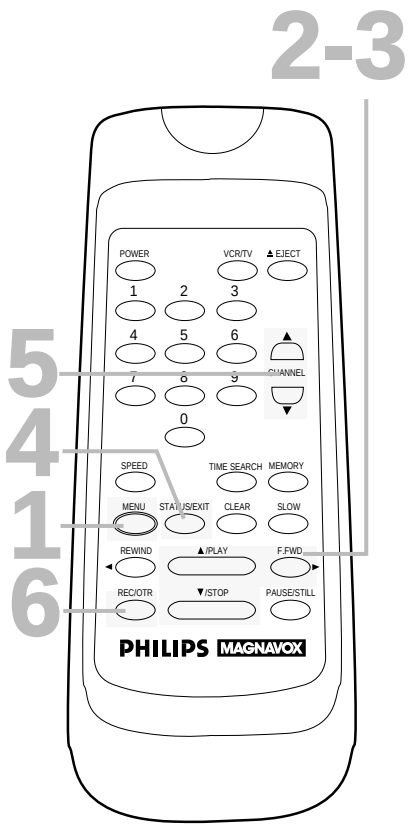
Press the STATUS/EXIT button.

5

To record, select the channel to be recorded using the CHANNEL ▲/▼ buttons, then go to step 6.

6

Press the REC(ord)/OTR button to start recording.

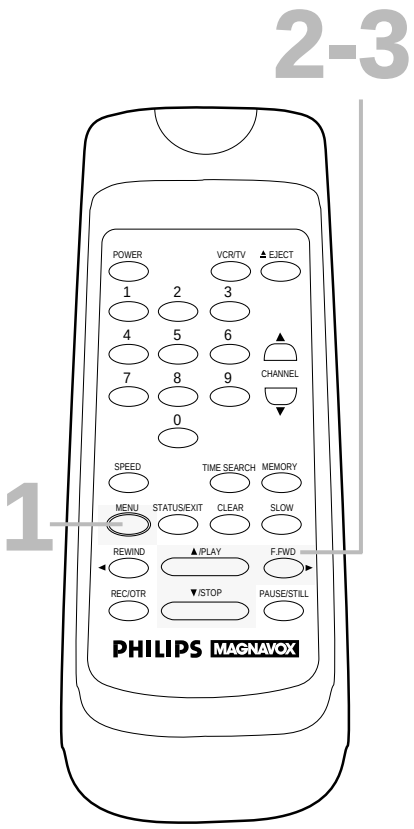


Helpful Hints

- *You can only receive and record in stereo or second audio programs that are broadcast in stereo or second audio. You can only play in stereo or second audio tapes that were recorded in stereo or second audio. Please see page 38 to determine if the program you want to watch/record is being broadcast in stereo or second audio.*
- *If you select second audio when second audio is not available, the VCR will record normal audio.*

40 Hi-Fi Stereo Sound System

Multi-Channel Television Sound system broadcasts are automatically recorded in Hi-Fi stereo sound. To play in Hi-Fi stereo the tapes recorded in Hi-Fi stereo, however, you'll need to follow steps 1-5.



1

Press the MENU button.

```
SELECT ▲▼ CHOOSE ►

→ PROGRAM
  VCR SET UP
  TUNER SET UP
  SET CLOCK

TO END PUSH EXIT
```

2

Press the PLAY/▲ button or the STOP/▼ button to select VCR SET UP, then press the F.FWD/► button.

```
SELECT ▲▼ CHOOSE ►

→ REPEAT PLAY          OFF
  ON SCREEN MODE
  AUDIO OUT
  LANGUAGE
  BLUE BACKGROUND      ON

TO END PUSH EXIT
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3

Press the PLAY/▲ button or the STOP/▼ button to select AUDIO OUT, then press the F.FWD/► button.

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SELECT ▲▼

→ HIFI                 ON
  MONO


TO END PUSH EXIT
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Helpful Hint

- *Normally, HIFI should be selected from the AUDIO OUT menu for playback with Hi-Fi sound. But, you can change the selection to MONO if you want monaural audio playback. To do this, follow steps 1-3. At step 4, press the PLAY/▲ button or the STOP/▼ button to select MONO. Press the STATUS/EXIT button. HIFI will disappear from the status display.*

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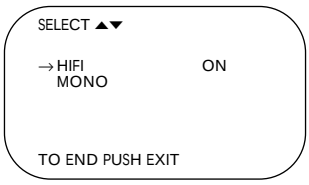
Press the PLAY/▲ button or the STOP/▼ button to select HIFI. ON will appear to the right of HIFI on the screen.



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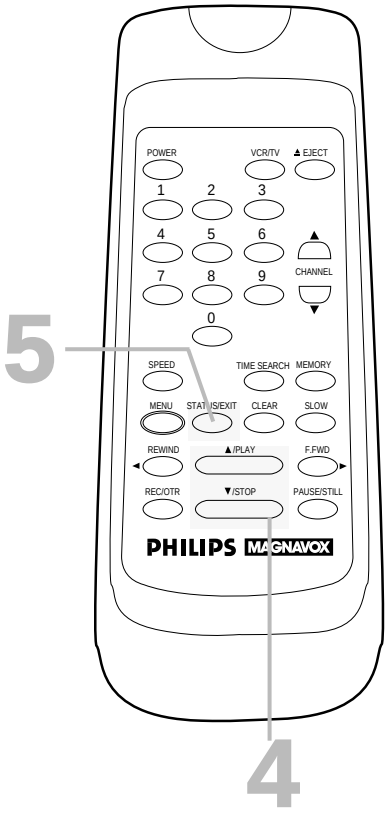
Press the STATUS/EXIT button.



Helpful Hints

- *All programs are automatically recorded in both Hi-Fi stereo sound and in monaural sound.*
- *The audio level of a tape recorded in Hi-Fi stereo will differ from the audio level of a tape not recorded in Hi-Fi stereo.*
- *If you play non-Hi-Fi tapes while the VCR is set to HIFI, HIFI will disappear from the status display and the tape will play in monaural sound.*

Please see additional notes on page 43.

42 Helpful Hints

If you are having problems with your product, check this list of problems and possible solutions before requesting service. You may be able to solve the problem yourself.
If you need to call a customer service representative, please know the model number and serial number of your product before you call. This information is displayed on the back of the product. Also, please take a moment to identify the problem you are having, and be prepared to explain this to the representative. If you believe the representative will need to help you with operations, please stay near the product. Our representatives will be happy to assist you.

No power
- Make sure the power plug is completely connected to an AC (alternating current) outlet.
- Make sure the power is turned on.

Power Failure
- Timer recordings, the clock setting, the language selection, and channel setup may be lost if the power fails for more than one minute. Follow the steps on pages 11 and 15. Then, see pages 28-30 to reprogram your timer recordings.

A TV program cannot be recorded.
- Check the connections between the VCR, TV, antenna/cable, and Cable Box/Direct Broadcast System (if applicable) (pages six-10).
- Make sure the tape has a record tab (page five).
- Check the TV/VCR position (page 22).
- Check the CH3/CH4 switch (pages six-nine).

The VCR will not perform a timer recording.
- Make sure the recording start and stop times are set correctly (pages 28-31).
- Make sure a tape is in the VCR and the tape has a record tab (page five). If, after programming a timer recording, you turn off the VCR power without putting a tape in the VCR, the TIMER light will blink.
- If the record tab on a tape is missing, the VCR will eject the tape. The TIMER light will blink.
- Make sure the VCR power is off.
- Make sure the clock is set (page 15).
- The VCR may not perform or continue a timer recording if a power interruption of more than one minute occurs.
- If you have a Cable Box/Direct Broadcast System, timer recordings are programmed differently. (See page eight for details.)
- Finish programming a timer recording at least five minutes before the recording is set to begin.
- 12 p.m. is noon; 12 a.m. is midnight.

There is no playback picture or the playback picture is noisy or contains streaks.
- Make sure the TV is on the same channel as the VCR's CH3/CH4 switch.
- Make sure the VCR is in VCR position. (The VCR/TV light will appear on the display panel.)
- Make sure channel 03 or 04 is properly adjusted at the TV.
- Adjust the tracking (page 37).
- TVs placed too close to the VCR can cause interference during tape playback. Move the VCR away from the TV.

The VCR cannot be controlled with the remote control.
- Make sure the VCR/TV light appears on the display panel. If it does not, press the VCR/TV button once.
- Aim the remote control directly at the VCR's remote sensor (page 22).
- Remove all obstacles between the remote control and the VCR.
- Inspect and/or replace the batteries in the remote control (page five).

The Number buttons won't work for channels above 69.
- Enter channel numbers as a two-digit number. If you want to select channels 100 and above, enter channel numbers as a three-digit number. (See page 18 for details.)

TV programs cannot be watched normally.
- Put the VCR in TV position. (Press the VCR/TV button so that the VCR/TV light disappears from the display panel. For details, see page 22.)
- Check the connections between the VCR, TV, antenna/cable, and Cable Box/Direct Broadcast System (if applicable). (See pages six-10 for details.)

Tape cannot be inserted.
- Insert the tape, window side up, with the record tab facing you.
- Make sure a tape isn't already in the VCR by pressing the STOP/EJECT button on the VCR.
- Gently push on the center of the tape when putting it in the VCR. Never force the tape into the VCR.
- If a timer recording is programmed and the VCR power is off, you can not insert a tape without a record tab.

Tape cannot be removed.
- Make sure the power plug is completely connected to a power outlet.
- You have set a timer recording. Turn the VCR power on, then eject the tape. Be sure to insert a tape and turn off the power for your timer recording.

VCR ejects the tape when the REC(ord)/OTR button is pressed or when the VCR power is turned off to set a timer recording.
- Make sure the tape has a record tab (page five).

Poor reception
- You may need to tune your TV again.

The motor (cylinder) rotates even when the VCR is in Stop mode.
- To enable the quick play mechanism, the cylinder will rotate for about five minutes. This is normal. The quick play mechanism allows the tape mechanism to switch from Stop mode to Play mode in one second.

Direct Broadcast System Hookups
- Watching one TV channel while recording another may not be possible if you have a DBS hookup. You may have to set your TV to channel 03 or 04, then make your channel selections at the DBS.
- With many DBS hookups, if you use accessory audio and video cables to connect your VCR to your TV, you will have to put your VCR in Line Input mode (channel 00).

Line Input mode
- If you accidentally enter Line Input mode (A/V IN will appear on your TV screen briefly), press the CHANNEL ▲/▼ buttons or use the Number buttons to select another channel.

Hi-Fi Stereo Sound
- During playback, Hi-Fi audio may temporarily revert to normal audio when you adjust tracking. This is normal.
- When connecting the VCR to a stereo TV, you will only get stereo sound if you use audio cables to connect the AUDIO OUT jacks on the VCR to the AUDIO IN jacks on your TV, and if the TV is in Line (Auxiliary) Input mode.
- When you connect the AUDIO OUT jacks on the VCR to the AUDIO IN jacks on your TV, the stereo light on the TV might not glow. But, as long as the status display indicates you are receiving a stereo signal, you are receiving a stereo signal. This is normal.
- Only tapes recorded in Hi-Fi audio will play back in Hi-Fi audio. Tapes recorded in normal audio will play back in monaural audio.

44 Glossary

AUDIO IN/OUT Jacks: jacks located on the back of the VCR which are used to record audio from another source (IN) or to send audio to another system (OUT).

Automatic Channel Setup: process in which the VCR memorizes all available channels. Then, when you press the CHANNEL ▲/▼ buttons, you only scan through channels you receive.

Bands: settings that allow you to tune channels.
- **Antenna** – VHF (very high frequency; channels 2-13) and UHF (ultra high frequency; channels 14-69).
- **Cable** – all standard channels can be received without a Cable Box.

Cable Box/DBS Output Channel: 03 or 04.

Dubbing: copying a tape using a second VCR.

Frame: a still picture.

HQ: high quality; a feature in the VCR circuitry which provides enhanced picture detail.

Line Input: The channel to which you set your VCR during dubbing (00). A/V IN will appear on the screen briefly when you select channel 0,0. If you accidentally enter Line Input mode, press the CHANNEL ▲/▼ buttons or use the Number buttons to select another channel.

OTR: One-Touch Recording; a timed recording that starts immediately and records for 30 minutes to eight hours.

Remote Control: the small electronic unit that came with your VCR; allows you to operate your VCR from a distance.

RF coaxial cable: The cable supplied with your VCR. Use it to connect your VCR to your TV (or Cable Box or DBS). The supplied cable is a snap-on type. However, you may use a screw-on type if you prefer.

Special Effects: forward and reverse searching; a still picture; slow motion playback.

Tape Speeds: how fast the tape travels during a recording or playback.
- **SP** (standard play) – fastest tape speed (recording time for a T120 tape is approximately two hours); best picture quality.
- **LP** (long play) – average tape speed; playback only.
- **SLP** (super long play) – slowest tape speed (recording time for a T120 tape is approximately six hours).

VCR: video cassette recorder.

VIDEO IN/OUT Jacks: jacks located on the back of the VCR which are used to record video from another source (IN) or to send video to another system (OUT).

Video Heads
Four heads - Hi-Fi

Video Signal
EIA standards; NTSC color

Antenna
VHF/UHF – 75 ohm external antenna terminal

VHF Output Signal
Channel 03 or 04 (switchable)
75 ohms unbalanced

Power Requirement
120V AC; 60Hz

Power Consumption
16W

Operating Temperature
41°F (5°C) to 104°F (40°C)

Relative Humidity
10% to 80%

Weight
5.7 lbs. (2.6 kg.)

Dimensions
14-3/16" (W) x 3-1/16" (H) x 10" (D)
(360mm x 92mm x 230mm)

Tuner Broadcast Channels
VHF 2-13, UHF 14-69

Cable TV Channels
2 – 13
Midband: A – 1
Superband: J – W
Hyperband: A-5 – A-1
Special Channel: 5A
Ultraband: 37 – 94, 100 – 125

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46 Limited Warranty

VIDEO CASSETTE RECORDER

90 Days Free Labor/One Year Parts Exchange. This product must be carried in for repair.

WHO IS COVERED?
You must have proof of purchase to receive warranty service. A sales receipt or other document showing that you purchased the product is considered proof of purchase.

WHAT IS COVERED?
Warranty coverage begins the day you buy your product. *For 90 days thereafter,* all parts will be repaired or replaced, and labor is free. *From 90 days to one year from the day of purchase,* all parts will be repaired or replaced, but you pay for all labor charges. *After one year from the day of purchase,* you pay for the replacement or repair of all parts, and for all labor charges.

All parts, including repaired and replaced parts, are covered only for the original warranty period. When the warranty on the product expires, the warranty on all replaced and repaired parts also expires.

WHAT IS EXCLUDED?
Your warranty does not cover:

- labor charges for installation or setup of the product, adjustment of customer controls on the product, and installation or repair of antenna systems outside of the product.
- product repair and/or part replacement because of misuse, accident, unauthorized repair or other cause not within the control of Philips Consumer Electronics Company.
- reception problems caused by signal conditions or cable or antenna systems outside the unit.
- a product that requires modification or adaptation to enable it to operate in any country other than the country for which it was designed, manufactured, approved and/or authorized, or repair of products damaged by these modifications.
- incidental or consequential damages resulting from the product. (Some states do not allow the exclusion of incidental or consequential damages, so the above exclusion may not apply to you. This includes, but is not limited to, prerecorded material, whether copyrighted or not copyrighted.)
- damage caused by the use of non-VHS tapes or tapes that have not been tested and labeled for use in two, four, six, and eight hour VHS recorders.
- a product that is used for commercial or institutional purposes (including but not limited to rental purposes).

WHERE IS SERVICE AVAILABLE?
Warranty service is available in all countries where the product is officially distributed by Philips Consumer Electronics Company. In countries where Philips Consumer Electronics Company does not distribute the product, the local Philips service organization will attempt to provide service (although there may be a delay if the appropriate spare parts and technical manual(s) are not readily available).

MAKE SURE YOU KEEP...
Please keep your sales receipt or other document showing proof of purchase. Attach it to this owner's manual and keep both nearby. Also keep the original box and packing material in case you need to return your product.

BEFORE REQUESTING SERVICE...
Please check your owner's manual before requesting service. Adjustments of the controls discussed there may save you a service call.

TO GET WARRANTY SERVICE IN U.S.A., PUERTO RICO OR U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS...
Take the product to a Philips factory service center (see enclosed list) or authorized service center for repair. When the product has been repaired, you must pick up the unit at the center. Centers may keep defective parts.

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MODEL # _____

SERIAL # _____

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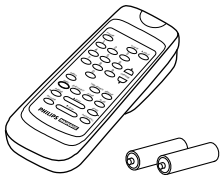
The following items are supplied with your VCR; they are provided to help you use or set up your VCR.



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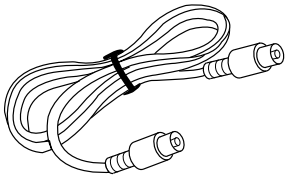

RF Coaxial Cable, 75 ohm
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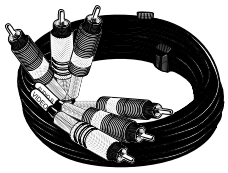

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#M61106 (gold connectors)
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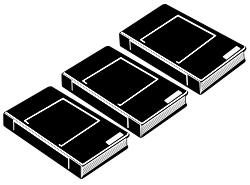

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